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US reevaluating space warfare capabilities of China, Russia

By TONY CAPACCIO
Bloomberg

The U.S. intelligence community is updating its assessment of space warfare capabilities of Russia and China as military commanders express concerns about advances in the adversaries' ability to jam, ram or destroy satellites in orbit.

Air Force Gen. John Hyten requested the National Intelligence Estimate before he left his prior command at the U.S. Strategic Command, and it "is being worked by the [intelligence community] at this time," said Lt. Col. Christina Hoggatt, an Air Force spokeswoman. Hyten is now the U.S.' No. 2 military officer.

The new U.S. Space Command will use the updated intelligence estimate "alongside current operations and critical information from our international, civil and commercial partnerships, to identify and drive" future "training and acquisition requirements," Hoggatt said.

The actual and potential threats of space wars were used in part to justify establishing the Space Command, a new Space Development Agency and possibly a sixth service branch that would be called the Space Force.

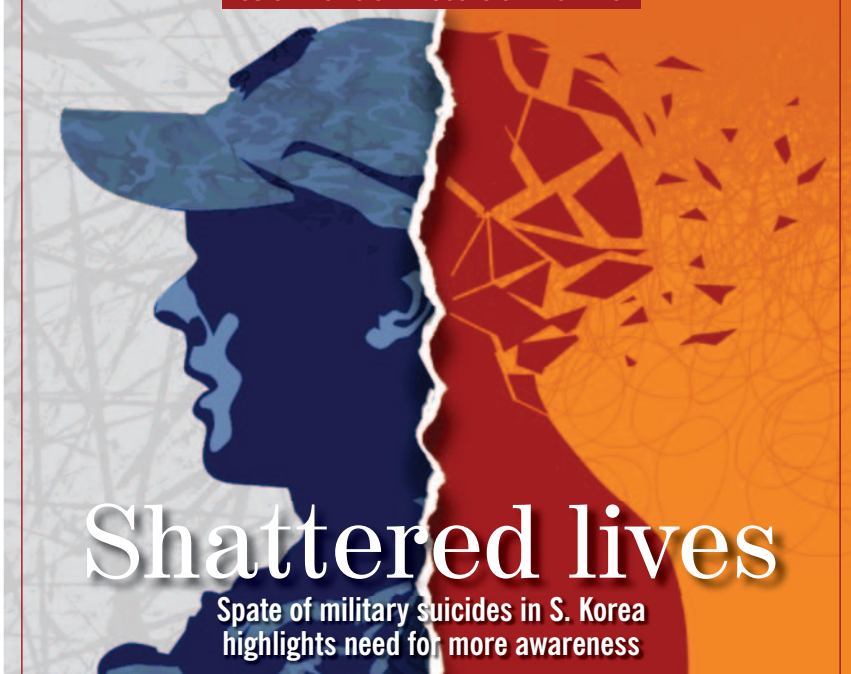
Those concerns will be reinforced this week by the congressionally mandated U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in its annual report to be released Thursday.

The report concludes that China "views space as a critical U.S. military and economic vulnerability and has fielded an array of direct-ascent, cyber, electromagnetic and co-orbital counter-space weapons capable of targeting nearly every class of U.S. space asset."

"It may be difficult for the United States to deter Beijing from using these weapons due to China's belief the U.S. has a greater vulnerability in space," according to an advance copy.

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SUICIDE CRISIS: AN OCCASIONAL SERIES



Shattered lives

Spate of military suicides in S. Korea
highlights need for more awareness

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SCAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea
Sp. Zachary Moore was drifting
into and out of consciousness as the
ambulance raced him to a South
Korean hospital after he tried to
kill himself.

"Call my mom, call my mom," the 23-
year-old signal support systems specialist
asked his friend, a fellow soldier.
Thousands of miles away in Florida,
Jeanette Nazario answered the phone.

"I was notified by his battle buddies
that he was in the hospital in critical con-
dition, then they notified me when he was
in stable condition," she recalled.

She became hopeful after a translator
at the hospital said tests showed her son

had not suffered any brain damage. But
eventually his heart failed.

"I was gearing up to take care of my son
the rest of his life. I was just in mommy
mode. I was like, 'Let me just get him
back,'" she said. "And that's when I got a
knock on the door and they told me he had
passed."

Moore died Aug. 2, 2017, hours after
he was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in
Uijeongbu from his barracks at Camp
Hovey.

He was one of at least eight 2nd Infan-
try Division soldiers — ages 18 to 32 —
who died by suicide in nearly three years,
from May 2016 to April 2019.

Stars and Stripes obtained the causes
of death of seven of those soldiers from

the Army's Criminal Investigation
Command.

A family attorney confirmed that the
eighth, Pvt. Courtney Shields, killed her-
self on April 26 while she was home on
leave. CID referred questions about her
case to local authorities.

The number is not necessarily indica-
tive of a trend, and suicide permeates all
aspects of society. But it provides a grim
snapshot of an unprecedented crisis in the
military that has grown despite a concert-
ed push and more than \$1 billion to stop it.

"The number of suicides we've had is
definitely concerning," said Capt. Joseph
Dragonetti, the 2nd ID's psychiatrist.
"Those are all lives lost and families that
have had huge tragedies."

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ILLUSTRATION BY ANDREA VILLARI/Stars and Stripes

MIDEAST

Underground lab producing more uranium in Iran

BY MEHDI FATTAHI,
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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran is producing even more low-enriched uranium daily than previously thought after resuming enrichment at an underground laboratory built in a mountain, the head of the country's nuclear program told The Associated Press on Monday.

Ali Akbar Salehi, of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, attributed the rise to the work at Fordo, a long-secret facility the West feared could be used to divert and rapidly enrich uranium to weapons-grade levels.

Iran resumed uranium enrichment at Fordo as it also broke other limits imposed by the 2015 nuclear deal that began to unravel after President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the accord over a year ago. Under the nuclear accord, Fordo was supposed to be a research lab — and not used for uranium enrichment.

Iran hopes to pressure Europe through these moves and get European nations to offer it a way to sell its crude oil abroad despite American sanctions. However, President Hassan Rouhani faces

growing criticism at home over the accord's collapse.

Rouhani on Monday separately urged Iran to stick with the deal, saying it could open up international arms sales for the Islamic Republic next year.

Salehi told the AP in Tehran that the country is now producing at least 12 pounds daily. That's compared with what Tehran had been producing — about 1 pound of low-enriched uranium per day.

The increase in enrichment comes from the inclusion of over 1,000 centrifuges at Fordo, some 15 miles northeast of Qom, a Shiite holy city, Salehi said. Shielded by the mountains, the facility also is ringed by anti-aircraft guns and other fortifications. It is about the size of a football field, large enough to house 3,000 centrifuges, but small and hardened enough to lead U.S. officials to suspect it had a military purpose.

"I believe (that) in total, 5.5 kilograms is the daily volume of uranium enrichment in Natanz and Fordo," Salehi told the AP, mentioning Iran's other nuclear facility at Natanz, where over 5,000 centrifuges now spin. Salehi suggested the figure could go as high as 13 pounds a day.

Iran currently enriches uranium to up to 4.5%, far below weapons-grade levels of 90%. Uranium



ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN/AP

Concrete is poured for the base of a second nuclear power reactor at Bushehr plant, some 440 miles south of Tehran, Iran, on Sunday.

enriched to 4.5% can be used at the Bushehr nuclear power plant — Iran's only one of its kind. Iran began to pour concrete into foundations on Sunday for a second reactor at Bushehr.

The biggest concern is that as Iran enriches more uranium over time, it will begin to narrow the so-called "breakout period" that Iran would need to have enough fissile material for a nuclear bomb — should it choose to build one. Analysts had put that time at a year under the restrictions of the 2015 nuclear deal.

The United Nations nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, was expected to release a quarterly report about Iran's program on Monday.

Iran maintains its nuclear pro-

gram is for peaceful purposes but the West had pushed for the nuclear deal over its concerns about the program.

Meanwhile, Rouhani's speech on Monday in the city of Rafsanjan in Iran's southwest Kerman province was part of a provincial tour ahead of planned parliamentary elections in February. The day before, in Yazd, he faced some heckling from a crowd of hard-liners despite announcing the discovery of a 53 billion-barrel oil field in the country.

On Monday, he made a point to stress that "by continuing the nuclear deal, we will reach a huge political, defensive and security goal."

"If we save the nuclear deal, Iran's arms embargo will be lifted and we can buy weapons

or sell our weapons to the world. This is one of the deal's significant impacts," Rouhani said.

Under the deal, a United Nations-imposed arms embargo on Iran is slated to be lifted in October 2020, five years after the accord's adoption.

The end of the weapons embargo, imposed by the United Nations, already worries the Trump administration. The State Department runs a countdown clock on its website to the time when Iran could be allowed to access the international weapons market.

The website also notes that Qassem Soleimani, the sanctioned head of the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard's expeditionary Quds Force, would be able to travel freely abroad if the measure is allowed to expire.

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VETERANS

Trump honors vets to kick off NYC tribute



SETH WENIG/AP

Service members wait for the start of the opening ceremony of the New York City Veterans Day Parade in New York on Monday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump kicked off New York City's Veterans Day Tribute on Monday by saying the nation's veterans "risked everything for us. Now it is our duty to serve and protect them every single day of our lives."

Trump spoke at the opening of the 100th annual parade organized by the United War Veterans Council in Madison Square Park. He is the first sitting president to accept the group's invitation to speak at the event.

As Trump spoke, more than 100 protesters gathered and could be heard with whistles and booing. Some chanted "lock him up" and "shame, shame, shame."

Trump told the crowd that the nation's veterans often came face to face with evil and did not back down.

"You returned from war and you never forgot your friends who didn't return," Trump said. "But your greatest tribute of all is the way you lived your lives in the years since."

Trump also used the event to tout the strength of the U.S. military and the death of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, saying "al-Baghdadi is dead. His second in charge is dead. We have our eyes on number 3."

Trump has been a longtime supporter of the parade. The New York Times reported that during the 1990s he pledged \$200,000 and offered to raise money from friends in exchange for being named the parade's grand marshal.

Trump is a lifelong New Yorker but recently changed his official residence to Florida, complaining about his treatment by the heavily Democratic city's elected officials.



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Honoring veterans

Clockwise from above: Urias Hughes, left, who trained with the U.S. Army's 24th Infantry Division during World War II, takes part in a Veterans Day wreath-laying at the World War II Memorial in Washington on Monday. Elizabeth Lewis was commissioned into the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1943 and assigned to the Army Hospital Ship Emily Wedder. Ewing Miller served in the U.S. Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1945 as a B-24 heavy bomber pilot assigned to the 15th Air Force. He flew more than 20 missions before his plane was downed with him being the only survivor. He spent the rest of the war as a prisoner of war. Lewis and Miller were also at the Washington ceremony Monday. For more Veterans Day coverage, go to [stripes.com](https://www.stripes.com).

Army veteran wins lottery in North Carolina on Veterans Day

By MARK PRICE
The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer

CHARLOTTE, NC. — A 70-year-old Army veteran found himself counting cash on Veterans Day after he won more than a quarter of a million dollars in

the North Carolina Education Lottery.

Ernest Dodson bought the Cash 5 ticket at Sons of Nie, an Asian market in Greensboro, and realized the next morning that it was worth \$276,688, lottery officials

announced on Veterans Day.

He paid \$1 for the ticket.

"I about fell over," Dodson said in a news release. "I'm tickled to death that I can be debt-free."

Federal and state taxes whittled his winnings to \$195,757,

but the Greensboro resident said that's still enough to pay off his car and his house, with some left over for fun.

He's got a plan for that too.

"I'm also going to get a bigger TV so I can watch my favorite

wrestling matches," he said in the news release.

Cash 5 gives players the chance to win a jackpot each night at a cost of \$1 per ticket. Jackpots start at \$100,000.

MILITARY

Oracle pressing ahead with DOD suit over cloud

By Aaron Gregg
The Washington Post

Oracle is pressing forward with a long-running legal challenge to the Pentagon's massive cloud computing contract, its third such attempt to upend the procurement since the project was announced 18 months ago.

In an appeal filed recently in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the company accused the Defense Department of improperly limiting competition when it set the terms of the procurement.

Oracle challenged an earlier Pentagon decision to toss its bid, arguing it now meets the minimum requirements. Also, it doubled down on long-standing accusations that revolving-door hires "corrupted" the process and skewed the playing field in Amazon's favor. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Oracle is now seeking an injunction that would block the Defense Department from assigning additional work on the contract.

Oracle's appeal comes as a surprise to those who followed the company's lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, which fixated on the idea that Amazon had an unfair advantage. In the end, Amazon lost to Microsoft.

Even so, procurement experts say Oracle may still have a shot at blocking the contract. Steven Schooner, a leading expert in procurement law with George Washington University, said there is "no reason to think that DOD's and Microsoft's dramatically alters Oracle's litigation."

Instead, the Amazon-related conflicts could continue to call into question the Defense Department's handling of the procurement.

"I could easily see a panel of Federal Circuit judges being sufficiently troubled by the conflicts of interest ... and concluding that DOD has to take a step back and more proactively address those concerns before it can proceed," Schooner said in an email.

Amazon Web Services declined to comment for this report.

The Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure contract, known as JEDI, is meant to create an enterprise-wide cloud computing system run by a commercial tech company. The Defense Department's decision to turn to just one provider for the contract, worth up to \$10 billion over 10 years, made it a competitive lightning rod for the handful of giant tech companies jostling for cloud computing market share.

In April, the Pentagon announced Amazon and Microsoft were the only companies capable of meeting the minimum requirements. Initial bids from Oracle and IBM were thrown out.

Amazon Web Services was long seen as the inevitable winner. It is the commercial market leader by far and got a head start in the national security sector due to an earlier \$600 million contract with the CIA.

It came as a shock when, late last month, the Defense Department instead awarded the contract to Microsoft. Amazon has not said whether it will protest.

Oracle, whose database business is threatened by the rise of cloud computing, has been working to thwart the Pentagon's plans since long before the competition started. In court filings and informal lobbying documents, it has accused top officials of conspiring to give Amazon a long-term monopoly on the military's information technology infrastructure.

Marine deserter sought in fatal shooting in Virginia

Associated Press

HARDY, Va. — Authorities in Virginia are searching for a Marine who deserted his post in North Carolina and has since been named as a person of interest in the shooting death of his mother's boyfriend.

News outlets reported that Michael Alexander Brown, 22, is wanted for questioning in the Saturday death of Rodney Brown in Franklin County, Va.

Authorities said Michael Brown

is a combat engineer who deserted his Camp Lejeune post in North Carolina last month and was later spotted in Franklin County.

The Craven County Sheriff's Office said Michael Brown may now be back in North Carolina as his last known address was in New Bern, about 250 miles southeast of Franklin County and 50 miles north of Camp Lejeune.

Authorities said anyone who spots him should act with "extreme caution."



SAVANNAH MESHEIM/U.S. Marine Corps

Out with the old, in with the new

U.S. service members with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, unload a U.S. Marine Corps AH-1Z Cobra from a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa, Japan, on Monday. The C-17 delivered the cobra as part of an MAW semiannual aircraft swap within the unit deployment program.

Mother of Navy recruit wants another autopsy after daughter's training death

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The mother of a Navy recruit who died after a boot camp run at an Illinois base earlier this year said she will seek another autopsy after a blood disorder was revealed to have played a role in her daughter's death.

Kenya Evans told the Chicago Tribune that the Navy discovered that her daughter, Kierra Evans, who was 20 when she died, possessed the sickle cell trait during a medical test.

Most who have it don't deal with symptoms of sickle cell disease, which is a potentially fatal condition that causes blood cells to deform and clog blood vessels. But the symptoms can emerge during rigorous exercise.

On Feb. 22, Kierra Evans was running during a timed training at Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago when she vomited and collapsed, according to Lake County coroner records obtained by the newspaper. She was taken

to a hospital but suffered cardiac arrest and died.

The cause of Evans' death was exertional rhabdomyolysis — the disintegration of muscle tissue during intense exercise — with sickle cell trait listed as an important contributing factor, the coroner determined.

Evans, who was from Monroe, La., was the first of two recruits to die during boot camp in 2019. Kelsey Nobles, 18, of Mobile, Ala., died April 23 of possible cardiac arrest due to an irregular heartbeat.

Though Nobles also had the sickle cell trait, the coroner's office determined that it was not a factor in her death.

The deaths led Great Lakes to announce in May that it was keeping people with unspecified "medical traits" from participating in intense exercise pending a review.

The Navy also issued an administrative memo encouraging fitness trainers to acquaint them-

selves with sickle cell trait, and for black workers, who are disproportionately affected by the condition, to "engage with medical (staff) to determine their status and understand the risk."

A Great Lakes spokesman declined to comment.

Two days prior to Kierra's death, she called home and told her mother she was being sent back in training for unspecified medical reasons, Kenya Evans said.

The Navy requires recruits with sickle cell trait to wear red belts during physical training, and Kenya Evans noted that meant instructors should have understood not to push her daughter too hard.

Kierra Evans' death certificate was completed Oct. 22. Her mother said she intends to have her daughter's body unearched and a second autopsy performed to learn more about the circumstances surrounding her death. She said the Navy has not told her much about it.

Former VA nominee may run for Congress

By Bridget Bowman
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Navy Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson is considering a run for Congress in Texas, two sources familiar with his plans said Friday.

Jackson was the chief White House physician in 2018 when President Donald Trump nominated him to be Department of Veterans Affairs secretary. Jackson withdrew his nomination

from consideration amid allegations that he abused alcohol and mishandled prescription drugs, although he said at the time the charges were "completely false and fabricated."

A Texas native, Jackson is eyeing a run as a Republican in the 13th District, which opened after longtime GOP incumbent Mac Thornberry announced his retirement. Trump won the district by 63 points in 2016, and

Inside Elections with Nathan L. Gonzales rates the race "solid Republican."

Jackson was born in Levelland, Texas, which is in the neighboring 19th District. He is well-liked by Trump and is still employed at the White House, although he is no longer the chief physician. He also served as a physician for Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush. Candidate filing began Saturday and ends Dec. 9.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Turkey deports American, others who fought for ISIS

By SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey on Monday deported citizens of the United States and Denmark who fought for Islamic State, and it made plans to expel other foreign nationals as the government began a new push to send back captured foreign fighters to their home countries, a Turkish official said.

The move comes just over a week after the Turkish interior minister said Turkey was not a “hotel” for ISIS fighters and criticized Western nations for their reluctance to take back citizens who had joined the ranks of the extremist militant group as it sought to establish a “caliphate” in Iraq and Syria.

Turkish Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu said last week that about 1,200 foreign ISIS fighters were in Turkish prisons and 287 members, including women and children, were recaptured during Turkey’s offensive in Syria.

Several European countries, including Britain, have stripped ISIS fighters of their nationalities to prevent their return.

A U.S. and a Danish national were deported from Turkey on Monday, while a German national was scheduled to be de-

ported later in the day, Turkey’s state-run Anadolu Agency quoted Interior Ministry spokesman İsmail Catakli as saying. Seven other German nationals were scheduled to leave the country on Thursday, he said.

Two Irish nationals, two German nationals and 11 French nationals who were captured in Syria were also to be transferred to their home countries soon, Catakli said. He did not provide further information but said the suspects were being held in Turkish deportation centers.

The U.S. did not immediately comment on Ankara’s announcement. A Greek official who spoke on condition of anonymity pending a public announcement said Turkey deported the U.S. citizen to Greece, which rejected him, leaving him in a heavily militarized no man’s land between the two borders. It was unclear why he was deported to Greece.

In Denmark, Justice Minister Nick Hækkerup told Danish broadcaster TV2 that any Danish citizens who fought for ISIS and are repatriated to the country “must be punished as severely as possible.”

Germany said it will not refuse entry to its own citizens, but added that as far as German officials know, the citizen being de-

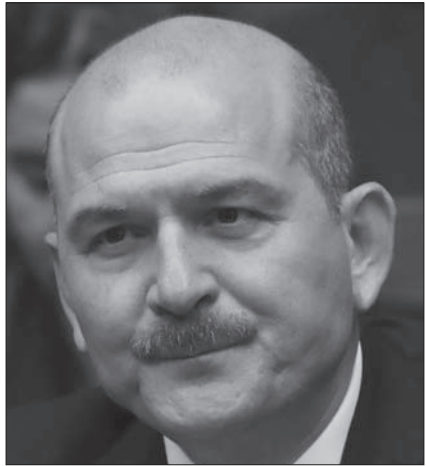
ported Monday was not involved with ISIS.

In Bosnia, government officials announced on Monday that citizens who had fought with ISIS could return to the country, while a Dutch court ruled on the same day that the country must attempt to bring home children whose mothers traveled to Syria to join Islamic extremist groups. The decision came in response to a case filed by lawyers on behalf of 23 women and their 56 children who are housed in camps in northern Syria.

In Denmark, the weekly newspaper Weekendavisen said the name of the Danish citizen being deported was Ahmad Salem el-Haj, who faces terrorism charges in Denmark.

While Turkey has quietly deported ISIS sympathizers for years, it raised the issue more forcefully after Western nations refused to back its invasion of northeastern Syria and its offensive against Syrian Kurdish fighters, whom Ankara considers terrorists linked to Kurdish insurgents fighting inside Turkey. Many countries have voiced concerns that the Turkish incursion would lead to a resurgence of ISIS.

Turkey has been accused of enabling the influx of thousands



BURHAN ÖZBİLİCİ/AP

Turkish Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu said last week that about 1,200 foreign Islamic State fighters are in Turkish prisons and 287 members were recaptured during Turkey’s offensive in Syria. Turkey is starting to deport some of the ISIS combatants.

of foreign ISIS sympathizers into Syria over the years. At the height of the extremist group’s power, the Turkish border crossings were the main route for those hoping to join ISIS in Syria. Turkey has denied the accusations and later stepped up security at its borders, including by profiling possible ISIS fighters at airports

and building a wall along parts of its porous border.

Turkey was hit by a wave of ISIS attacks in 2015 and 2016, including one by a gunman who opened fire at an Istanbul nightclub during New Year’s celebrations in the early hours of 2017 and killed 39 people.

Briton who helped train White Helmets dies in Turkey at 48

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A former British army officer who helped found the White Helmets volunteer organization in Syria was found dead in Istanbul early Monday, Turkish officials and the group said.

James Le Mesurier’s body was found near his home in the Beyoğlu district by worshippers on their way to a mosque, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported.

The Istanbul governor’s office said “comprehensive administrative and judicial investigations” had been initiated into Le Mesurier’s death. Anadolu said police established that no one had entered or left his home at the time of the incident, and they believe he may have fallen to his death.

Le Mesurier was the founder and CEO of Mayday Rescue, which founded and trained the White Helmets, also known as the Syria Civil Defense, a group of local humanitarian volunteers. Anadolu said he was 48 and had moved to Turkey with his wife four years ago.

The White Helmets confirmed his death on its Facebook page.

“The family of the Syrian Civil Defense extends its deepest condolences to his family, and we express our deepest sorrow and solidarity with his family, as it is our duty to commend his humanitarian efforts, which the Syrians will always remember,” the group said.

The Syrian government and its allies, including Russia, have been critical of the White Helmets volunteers, accusing them of being agents of foreign powers, being terrorists for working in rebel-controlled areas and of staging chemical attacks. The group, which has had more than 3,000 volunteers in opposition-held areas, says it has saved thousands since 2013 and documented Syrian government attacks on civilians and other infrastructure.

Last week, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova had accused Le Mesurier of being a former British agent who has “been spotted all around the world, including in the



AP

James Le Mesurier founded Mayday Rescue, which founded and trained the White Helmets. He was found dead in Istanbul on Monday.

Balkans and the Middle East.”

“Given the role of the West in undermining stability in these regions, it is not difficult to assume what the British intelligence officer did there,” she said.

Her comments were apparently prompted by a statement last week by a British Foreign Office official about the White Helmets coming under pressure.

Turkey’s private DHA news agency said authorities were investigating whether Le Mesurier had committed suicide.

3 blasts hit Syrian town near border with Turkey

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Three car bombs went off Monday in the northeastern Syrian town of Qamishli near the border with Turkey, killing at least six people, while a priest was shot dead in a nearby area by extremists, state media and activists said.

Northern Syria has been hit by several explosions that have killed and wounded scores of people over the past month. That’s since Turkey began a military operation against Kurdish fighters in the wake of President Donald Trump’s decision to pull out of northeast Syria.

Reports of the explosions gave differing casualty figures, which is not uncommon in the immediate aftermath of this kind of attack.

Syria’s state news agency SANA, which has reporters in Qamishli, said the explosions were triggered by car bombs. It said they killed at least three people and wounded around 20. It said two blasts went off in a commercial street while the third was near a hotel.

The Kurdish news agency Hawar said the blasts killed six people and wounded 21. It said two

of the explosions hit a market.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, said six people were killed and 22 were wounded in two of the blasts alone.

Elsewhere in northeastern Syria, unknown gunmen shot dead an Armenian Catholic priest and his father as they drove from Qamishli to the city of Hasakeh, according to Hawar and the Observatory.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for the killing, saying its fighter shot dead two priests. The ISIS-linked Amaq news agency posted a copy of the priest’s identity card with his photo and name on it.

ISIS had persecuted Christians and displaced tens of thousands of them when it ruled large parts of Iraq and Syria.

Earlier in the day, Russia Today aired an interview with Syrian President Bashar Assad, who said his forces will soon retake control of the last major rebel stronghold in the country’s northwestern province of Idlib.

Assad said they are now giving civilians some time to leave the area, which is dominated by al-Qaida-linked militants.

MILITARY

Suicide: Parents worry children's deaths could have been prevented

FROM FRONT PAGE

David Rudd, a former military psychologist and suicide expert, said the armed forces need to develop a better understanding of the effectiveness of suicide prevention efforts and to come up with a more strategic and coordinated approach.

"We've been at war for almost 18 years now," said Rudd, president of the University of Memphis, Tenn. "That means we've been in a sustained, high operational tempo for almost two decades in the military, and that's difficult to manage."

He stressed the need for thorough mental health screening in recruiting efforts and subsequently offering treatment as soon as problems are identified.

"They have laxed a little bit on previous mental health issues in the military, and that, certainly, I think, elevated some of the risk and some of the concerns," he said.

The Pentagon reported that 541 service members died by suicide last year, up from 511 in 2017 and 482 in 2016, according to a report released in September.

Suicide rates for active-duty troops, which specialists say more accurately reflect trends, increased from 18.5 to 24.8 per 100,000 service members from 2013 to 2018.

Service members who die by suicide are mostly male, white and under the age of 30, said Karin Orvis, director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office.

The New York Times reported this month that suicide has been deadlier than combat for the military, citing congressional testimony from Rand Corp. researcher Terri Tanielian that more than 45,000 veterans or service members have killed themselves in the past six years.

"That is more than 20 deaths a day — in other words, more suicides each year than the total American military deaths in Afghanistan and Iraq," the Times reported.

Soldier's struggle

Moore was stationed with the 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, in South Korea, where the military isn't fighting but is constantly on alert and in training mode due to the threat from North Korea.

When asked specific questions, the division, based in Fort Hood, Texas, said it could not address the circumstances of Moore's death due to privacy concerns.

"The Army is a family that does its best to prepare soldiers for challenging situations in combat and also in daily life," division spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Brautigam said. "Suicide is a challenge our 1st Cavalry Division and Army family continues to battle, but the Army has several mechanisms designed to assist soldiers who need help."

These include periodic health assessments and predeployment readiness processing that includes meetings with health care providers who can help soldiers address their medical and mental health needs. The unit also has counselors and chaplains to provide discreet mental health counsel.

"Most importantly, unit leaders and soldier battle buddies spend countless hours together and serve as a support mechanism for those who need assistance," he said.

Nazario, 47, a catering server from Clermont, Fla., believes her son's death could have been prevented.

He should not have been deployed because he was being treated for depression, she said in a video interview.

She said she had to file a Freedom of In-

formation Act request to obtain her son's death certificate and other information about the investigation.

Moore had expressed concern about his condition but was assured by his superiors that he would have access to behavioral health care in South Korea and was given a mental health waiver permitting him to go despite his reservations, she said.

His unit began its nine-month rotation in South Korea in June 2017, less than a year after Moore had suffered a mental breakdown and briefly went AWOL while at Fort Hood.

Nazario said her son began receiving treatment after the Fort Hood incident and was still on anti-depression medication when he left for South Korea.

"They put him in the most high-stress position knowing that he had behavioral health issues," she said, "so not only was he luscious out but stressed out." Nazario said her son had changed his mind about suicide after consuming an entire bottle of his anti-depression medication on Aug. 1, 2017, but he didn't get the care he needed to survive.

"He sent out red flags to everyone," Nazario said. "He let them know exactly what he took."

Problems included a lack of urgency when he notified the duty desk in his barracks that he had consumed the pills and a language barrier with the South Korean ambulance crew, she said, citing witnesses.

"It took almost 30 minutes to convince them to take my son in the ambulance because they didn't know why they were taking him," she said, adding that he began losing consciousness in the ambulance.

Nazario, who met with military officials to discuss her son's case last year, believes the cause of death for her son should be changed to accidental suicide.

"I acknowledge he did take the bottle. He did. But he also tried to live, and that is so important — that my son tried to live," she said.

Warning signs

Nazario has been vocal in her criticism of the military's handling of her son's case in large part because she wants to see reforms aimed at preventing others from following suit.

"We need a cultural change," she said. "Behavioral health care is not really monitored. It's a one-size-fits-all mentality, and that can even go further in my son's case. "That deployed him because they needed to have a body count to be deployed, but he ended up coming back in a body bag."

Experts stress that suicide can be prevented and urge people to watch for warning signs that include previous attempts, talk about dying, withdrawal from social interactions and feelings of hopelessness.

Top risk factors include access to firearms, relationship problems and administrative or legal problems. Recommendations for helping somebody who may be suicidal include being direct, nonjudgmental and willing to listen and seek help, according to the Defense Suicide Prevention Office.

The soldiers who died while serving with the 2nd ID in South Korea were from different units and backgrounds.

Shields was the youngest, at 18. She was a signal support systems specialist from Bryans Road, Md., who initially thrived after arriving in South Korea to work with



Jeanette Nazario

Army Spec. Zachary Moore, 23, died by suicide on Aug. 2, 2017. The flag that was draped over his coffin and his military shadow box have been kept as a memorial by his mother, Jeanette Nazario.

Where to get help

If you or someone you know may be considering suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) in the United States. Press 1 for the veterans and military crisis lines. You can also text 83255.

In South Korea, you can reach that number by calling 050-3337-4673, press 1, or DSN118.

The 2nd Infantry Division also provides a list of advice and resources at <https://www.2id.korea.army.mil/resources/sp.asp>. DSN911 is the general

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the Special Troops Battalion, 2nd ID Sustainment Brigade.

"She was a valued member of the Dragon team that could brighten up any room with her infectious smile," battalion commander Lt. Col. Jeremiah Pope said at the time of her death.

But Shields appears to have suffered some trauma during her field work, according to Tamara Miller, a lawyer and retired Air Force officer who is representing the family.

"That's when Courtney's mental state really appeared to decline precipitously," Miller said, adding she's satisfied with the military's investigation so far but hopes it will be expanded. "We're trying to urge the Army to look into the possibility of a sexual assault having occurred."

Shields also told her mother that she had sought medical care for her depression but her job requirements interfered with her ability to get appointments, Miller said.

Pfc. Adrienne Barillas, 22, was a water purification specialist from Texas who grew up in the Central American nation of Belize. South Korea was her first assignment in the Army.

Barillas, who died on Sept. 23, 2018, at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, was remembered at a memorial service for her warm smile and cooking skills.

Sgt. Adam David Wright, 32, a multiple-launch rocket system gunner from Beebe, Ark., died Nov. 11, 2018, at Camp Casey, South Korea. Wright had been an officer in the National Guard but resigned his commission to become an active-duty soldier because he wanted to serve America in a foreign country.

Pfc. Travis Walklin, 21, of Silver Springs,

Nev., died May 3, 2016, at Camp Carroll, South Korea, after he was found unresponsive outside a barracks building. He was assigned to the Sustainment Brigade.

Sgt. Jacqueline M. Anderson, 26, died July 31, 2016, at her off-base apartment in Dongducheon, South Korea. Anderson, of Leesville, La., shared the apartment with her husband, Sgt. Carl Anderson. They were assigned to the 210th Field Artillery Brigade.

Sgt. Kenneth W. Morris, 32, died Nov. 13, 2016, at Camp Hovey, South Korea. He had enlisted in the Army at 18 as a food service specialist and had served in Iraq, according to his obituary.

"SGT Morris was known as the funny guy that everyone could count on to give them a hand or a laugh," it said, adding that the only thing he loved more than working on his car was "caring for his three children."

Sgt. Marcos John S. Agunon, 28, a 1st Armored Division soldier who joined the Army in his hometown of Talofoto, Guam, died Nov. 4, 2018, at Camp Hovey. He was a cannon crew member with the Fort Bliss, Texas-based 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, which had rotated to South Korea the previous month.

Raising awareness

The military has taken steps to improve awareness about stigma prevention and to remove the perceived stigma that seeking help may adversely affect chances for promotion or security clearances. Chaplains and leaders at all levels have increased outreach.

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Suicide: Soldiers helping soldiers seems to be successful intervention

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"The foundation of prevention is soldier-to-soldier and leader-soldier engagement," 2nd Infantry Division spokesman Lt. Col. Martyn Crighton said, adding that the personal interaction reduces isolation and increases the chances for early intervention if needed.

Last summer, the 2nd ID opened the new Warrior Behavioral Health clinic in Building 7315 in the center of the motor pool on Camp Humphreys to improve accessibility. It's also solely focused on care for active-duty soldiers, which provides important mission understanding and scheduling flexibility.

Previously, troops had to go to facilities across the base or to Seoul. There's a similar facility at Camp Casey, where the 210th Field Artillery Brigade and other soldiers are based near the border with North Korea.

Dragonetti, the 2nd ID psychiatrist, said soldiers face the same major risk factors as the general population but have additional challenges.

"One of the big ones would be that we're on the other side of the world from most people we know," he said during an August interview at Camp Humphreys.

"The stigma for behavioral health is decreasing, and we're

really actively trying to break down those barriers. We're trying to make ourselves less scary."

Pervasive problem

The problem is not unique to the military. Suicide rates in the United States have been on the rise, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting a 33% increase from 1999 to 2017.

Officials say the suicide rate among most military populations, when adjusted for age and gender, is comparable to civilian rates.

"I wish I could tell you we have an answer to prevent further, future suicides in the Armed Services. We don't," Defense Secretary Mark Esper told reporters in September.

"I believe we have the means and the resources to get ahead of this and do better than our civilian counterparts," he said. "We just can't let these great young Americans take their lives because of financial pressure or relationship challenges or whatever comes up. We need to help them."

Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, a retired colonel who served as a psychiatrist for the 2nd ID in South Korea in 1990 and was later the Army's top psychiatrist, agrees.

"It has been a problem for a long time, and they have tried ev-

erything," said Ritchie, who participated in several task forces on the subject before retiring from the military in 2010.



"Basically, I just stepped up and said, 'Let me work with him.'"

Sgt. 1st Class William Smith

"It's not higher in the military, but it should be lower," she said of the suicide rate. "The reason for that is that everybody in the military is employed. They have health care, they have jobs, they often have a mission and a sense of purpose."

Ritchie, chair of psychiatry at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, noted the problem

is complicated by relatively easy access to firearms and a military culture that values toughness. "Leaders certainly get a lot of training on not singling out people and suicide prevention, but how that translates in the hy-

permasculine world among the troops in the field does vary from unit to unit," she said.

Training pays off

That training paid off in a recent case involving a young 2nd ID soldier who was on his first overseas assignment for the Army.

Pfc. Austin Farrell, 22, was struggling with his supervisors last year, and his personal life was shattered when his fiancée broke up with him long distance.

Feeling lonely and isolated, the Titusville, Fla., native started having suicidal thoughts.

Sgt. 1st Class William Smith listened to other noncommissioned officers discussing Farrell's case after concern was raised. Smith, who spent his childhood in and out of foster homes, decided he could help.

"I was told the soldier was really depressed and thinking of doing some harm to himself," Smith, 52, told Stars and Stripes. "Basically, I just stepped up and said, 'Let me work with him.'"

The Tallahassee, Fla., native had Farrell moved into his section at the headquarters battalion and began escorting the soldier to the behavioral health unit at the former military hospital in Seoul. He also developed a friend-

ship with Farrell by talking about things they had in common.

"By doing that, he was able to share a side of his life with me," Smith said. "He started opening up a little bit. His attitude started changing."

Farrell said he had been frustrated by supervisors in his previous unit and felt increasingly isolated from his family.

"The leadership started talking down to soldiers," he said. "A lot of it was that I felt like I was useless, and I felt alone. I thought I would be alone for the rest of my life."

Farrell credited Smith with helping to turn the situation around, saying he had been on the brink of being discharged from the Army before overcoming his behavioral health concerns.

"He had a lot of hard choices in his life too," Farrell said. "He showed me that it's not always a dark side. ... You always have to look towards the brighter part."

Smith's advice to others trying to help a service member?

"First, help the soldier. Get the soldier back to normal," he said. "Then he can be an asset, and that just makes us a better section."

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MILITARY

Va. guardsman pleads guilty in WWII dog tags theft

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A Virginia National Guard sergeant accused of stealing World War II-era dog tags from the National Archives and Records Administration in Maryland has pleaded guilty to a theft charge.

Robert Rumsby, of Fredericksburg, Va., entered a guilty plea to one misdemeanor count of theft on Friday, according to Marcia Murphy, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Robert Hur's office. Rumsby is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 22 by U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas DiGirolamo at the federal courthouse in Greenbelt, Mur-

phy said.

Rumsby told investigators he took dog tags that belonged to four U.S. airmen killed in plane crashes in 1944, according to a criminal complaint.

Rumsby's wife is the great niece of one of the deceased airmen. Rumsby said he gave that airman's dog tags to his wife's grandmother as a Christmas gift and gave another airman's dog tags to a relative of that serviceman, the complaint says.

Rumsby referred questions about his guilty plea to his attorney, Peter Payne, who didn't immediately return an email seeking comment Monday. Rumsby said in an email that he will make a "full state-

ment" at his sentencing hearing.

National Archives staff were investigating possible thefts of artifacts in January 2017 when they discovered that dog tags belonging to World War II aviator Theodore Ream were missing from a box Rumsby had accessed several weeks earlier, according to the criminal complaint. Rumsby's wife is the great-niece of Ream. Investigators recovered Ream's dog tag from a shadow box at the grandmother's home in Chesapeake.

In 2015, Rumsby also accessed a box that contained dog tags for three airmen who died in a July 21, 1944, plane crash. When investigators questioned him in April, Rumsby retrieved the dog tags for two of

those airmen from a shelf in his home and said he had given the third dog tag to a relative of that airman, the complaint says.

Earlier this year, Rumsby told Stars and Stripes he took the dog tags from the facility so he could give them to dead soldiers' families.

Rumsby is assigned to the Virginia National Guard's 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. National Guard spokesman A.A. "Cotton" Puryear said Rumsby's unit leaders were tracking the criminal case.

"Once his case has been heard and a decision is reached, his unit leadership will determine the ... action to take," Puryear wrote in an email last month.

Space: Pentagon looks to expand national space budget amid Chinese threats

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Although China hasn't shot down a satellite since a widely cited test in 2007, "it has continued to test kinetic counterspace systems nearly every year, sometimes disguised as" ballistic missile intercept tests, according to the commission, which is specifically charged with reporting economic and military threats posed by China.

Reflecting such concerns, the Pentagon requested \$14.1 billion

for an expanded national security space budget for the current 2020 fiscal year, about 14% more than in fiscal 2019, according to the Congressional Research Service.

The U.S. operates 870 of the world's 1,880 intelligence, communications, navigation and scientific satellites, according to the Pentagon's inspector general.

The intelligence agencies' National Intelligence Estimates are generally updated every two to three years. The results of the new NIE will be folded into the intel-

ligence community's next public "Worldwide Threat Assessment."

The new Space Command has "daily interactions with" the intelligence agencies, and they have representatives within the organization, Hoggatt, the Air Force spokeswoman, said. "We regularly collaborate and coordinate on all space threats, to include China/Russia."

"We have a good understanding" of China's space strategy, Gen. John Raymond, the head of Space Command, said at an Air

Force Association event in September. "We understand their capabilities," and "we're pretty comfortable they are developing directed energy weapons and probably fielding lasers to blind our satellites," Raymond said. "They're also developing pretty robust 'on-orbit' capabilities that are pretty complex" and may have dual uses, he said.

Arms control analysts who follow counterspace issues don't dismiss U.S. military concerns but fault the failure to seek in-

ternational restraints on space weaponry.

"Anti-satellite technologies like direct-ascent, hit-to-kill missiles are certainly within the technical capabilities of Russia and China, among others" and "so is the ability to closely approach another satellite, either to repair it or to harm it," Laura Grego, of the Union of Concerned Scientists, said in an email. "The U.S. is ahead" in these capabilities "but Russia and China will catch up if they want to."



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NATION

NRA allegations create rift with some big donors

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

Joe Olson was once such a passionate supporter of the National Rifle Association that he pledged to bequeath several million dollars from his estate to the gun organization upon his death.

But the steady drip of investigations and misspending allegations and a shakeup at the top ranks of the NRA compelled him to alter his will. The NRA will no longer get his money.

"The rot had gotten worse and I simply decided, no, I'm not giving those people my money," Olson said.

Olson reflects what has become a new challenge for the NRA as its legal and financial issues stack up: the loss of big donors.

The NRA attributes much of its success and power to rank-and-file members who contribute a few dollars here and there throughout the year, but it's the big-ticket donors who fuel the organization's finances. They also play a role in who serves on the board of directors and are active on the NRA's social and fundraising scene, whether it's at galas or hunting trips.

There are signs that some of them are growing uneasy over the NRA's troubles.

One of them went so far as to file a lawsuit against the NRA claiming misuse of funds and started a website that seeks changes to the NRA — from the ouster of long-time CEO Wayne LaPierre to halving the size of the 76-member board of directors.

The donor, David Dell'Aquila, also claims that he has gotten others like him to withhold millions of dollars.

Over the years, Dell'Aquila has given about \$100,000, and he and his wife pledged to bequeath several million dollars from an estate he amassed after a career as a technology consultant.

Large donors have long been a reliable source of money for the NRA, helping fuel the clout that it wields in American politics.

In 2017, the NRA received seven donations of more than \$1 million, including one for more than \$18 million, according to tax records. The NRA's 2018 records are not available yet, meaning it's too early to know how the recent turmoil engulfing the group affected contributions.

Despite the handful of million-dollar-plus donors, the group saw its overall contributions plummet from \$124 million in 2016 to \$98 million in 2017.

An NRA member for about 20 years, Dell'Aquila became more heavily involved after attending

an annual meeting for the first time in 2015 in Nashville, Tenn., where he lives. A longtime hunter, Dell'Aquila said it was after that meeting that he decided to contribute big sums to the NRA, seeing it as an organization that would help preserve gun rights.

He went in with gusto, becoming a member of the Charlton Heston Society, an elite group of NRA faithful.

Then, earlier this year, Dell'Aquila started to hear the rumors and see media reports of excessive spending by NRA leaders. He witnessed the showdown that spilled out in the public during this year's annual meeting when then-President Oliver North was denied a second term after seeking LaPierre's resignation.

When Dell'Aquila asked some NRA directors and others at headquarters for more information on how donations were being spent, he said he didn't get sufficient answers.

"I was just getting lip service," he said.

A few months ago, he filed a lawsuit against the NRA claiming it has engaged in fraud and financial misconduct. The lawsuit cites many of the allegations that have emerged in other legal cases in recent months, including that LaPierre expended hundreds of thousands of dollars in wardrobe purchases at a high-end clothing.

Carolyn Meadows, the NRA's new president, called the lawsuit "a misguided and frivolous pursuit."

"Here's all you need to know: This lawsuit parrots claims from an individual who has worked for anti-NRA organizations and openly campaigned against our cause and our Association. End of story," Meadows said.

While some big donors such as Olson and Dell'Aquila have pulled back, other big donors have doubled down.

Janet Nyce, a longtime member who along with her husband has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years, said she called up NRA headquarters and felt they were open and honest about the challenges facing the organization, assuring her that the donations were being well spent.

When she got a call one day from another NRA member asking if she wanted to participate in a movement to withhold donations, she and her husband instead pulled out their wallets and wrote out checks to the NRA.

"We are supporting the NRA; there's just no two ways about it," she said.

Joe Gregory, who is the CEO of



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

David Dell'Aquila, of Nashville, Tenn., is a donor to the NRA who is now suing the gun lobby, alleging misspent funds.

an investment firm and founder of the NRA's Golden Ring of Freedom — a group of NRA donors who have contributed or pledged at least \$1 million — chalked up the turmoil to internal politics and defended LaPierre's expenses as a necessary part of being a CEO.

The demands pushed by Dell'Aquila, he said, "border

on being unrealistic and not serious."

He's especially disappointed to see some of his fellow big donors start to abandon the NRA, particularly as the 2020 presidential election approaches and the NRA's influence in preserving the Second Amendment is at stake.

"It's important that we stick to-

gether," he said.

For Dell'Aquila's part, he's not ready to back down from his fight. He's even planning to attend next year's annual meeting, which will again be held in Nashville. He said he wants to see if LaPierre and others in the inner circle will talk with him.

"I'm not one to back down," he said.



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Perry-supported backers got huge deal with Ukraine

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Two political supporters of U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry secured a potentially lucrative oil and gas exploration deal from the Ukrainian government soon after Perry proposed one of the men as an adviser to the country's new president.

Perry's efforts to influence Ukraine's energy policy came earlier this year, just as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's new government was seeking military aid from the United States to defend against Russian aggression, and allies of President Donald Trump were ramping up efforts to get the Ukrainians to investigate his Democratic rival, Joe Biden.

Ukraine awarded the contract to Perry's supporters a little more than a month after the U.S. energy secretary attended Zelenskyy's May inauguration. During that trip, Perry handed the new president a list of people he recommended as energy advisers, including his longtime political backer Michael Bleyzer.

A week later, Bleyzer and his partner, Alex Cranberg, submitted a bid to drill for oil and gas at a sprawling government-controlled site called Varyvnska. Their proposal was millions of dollars lower than their only competitor's, according to internal Ukrainian government documents obtained by The Associated Press.

But their newly created joint venture, Ukrainian Energy, was awarded the 50-year agreement because a government-appointed commission determined they had greater technical expertise and stronger financial backing, the documents show.

Testimony in the impeachment inquiry into Trump shows the energy secretary was one of three key U.S. officials who were negotiating a meeting between Trump and the Ukrainian leader.

The sequence of events suggests that the Trump administration's political maneuvering in Ukraine was entwined with the big business of the energy trade.

Perry made clear during trips to Kyiv that he was close to Bleyzer, a Ukrainian-American investor and longtime Perry supporter who lives in Houston, and Cranberg, a Republican mega-donor who provided Perry the use of a luxury corporate jet during the energy secretary's failed 2012 presidential bid.

In a statement to the AP, Bleyzer denied that Perry helped his firm get the gas deal.

"I believe that Secretary Perry's conversations with Ukrainian government officials if they, in fact, took place, did not play any role in Ukrainian Energy winning its bid," Bleyzer said Tuesday.

Amy Flakne, a lawyer for Cranberg's company, Aspect Holdings, said the company "neither sought nor to our knowledge re-



U.S. EMBASSY KIV/AP

Two political supporters of Energy Secretary Rick Perry, above, secured an oil-and-gas exploration deal from the Ukrainian government.

ceived special intervention on its behalf."

As Trump's energy secretary, Perry has flown around the globe to evangelize for U.S. exports of liquefied natural gas, which he calls "Freedom Gas." He's made multiple trips to Ukraine and other former Soviet-bloc nations, where shipments of American gas and drilling technology take on strategic importance as a potential alternative to continued dependence on imports from Russia.

Of the nine gas blocks awarded on July 1, Bleyzer and Cranberg's bid was the only one of the winners that didn't include the participation of a Ukrainian company.

Perry, who served 14 years as

the governor of Texas, has publicly championed the potential of U.S. hydraulic fracturing technology to boost oil and gas production in Ukraine and pressed for the bidding process to be opened up to U.S. companies.

Perry's work in Ukraine places him at the center of the House impeachment inquiry into efforts by Trump and his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani to press Zelenskyy to open an investigation into Biden and his son Hunter's business dealings with Burisma, another Ukrainian gas company.

Perry, who announced last month he is resigning by the end of the year, has refused to cooperate with the congressional probe.

Haley alleges disloyalty on Trump team in memoir

By HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's former U.N. ambassador, Nikki Haley, alleges in her upcoming memoir that two administration officials who were ultimately pushed out by Trump once tried to get her to join them in opposing some of his policies.

In "With All Due Respect," Haley said then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and then-White House chief of staff John Kelly told her that they were trying to "save the country." Haley writes that she was "shocked" by the request, made during a closed-door meeting, and thought they were only trying to put their own imprint on his policies.

"Kelly and Tillerson confided in me that when they resisted the president, they weren't being insubordinate, they were trying to save the country," Haley wrote. "It was their decisions, not the president's, that were in the best interests of America, they said. The president didn't know what he was doing. ... Tillerson went on to resign, and I believe he resisted the president's decisions was because, if he didn't, people would die."

The former South Carolina governor said the meeting lasted more than an hour and that they never raised the issue to her again.

Haley's book comes out Tuesday. The Associated Press purchased an early copy.

"Instead of saying that to me, they should've been saying that to the president, not asking me to join them on their sidebar plan," Haley wrote. "It should've been, 'Go tell the president what your differences are, and quit if you don't like what he's doing.' But to undermine a president is really a very dangerous thing. And it goes against the Constitution, and it goes against what the American people want. And it was offensive."

Trump fired Tillerson in March 2018. Later, Tillerson said the president was "undisciplined" and did not like to read briefing reports. Trump countered, calling Tillerson "dumb as a rock."

When Kelly was chief of staff, Trump chafed at the orderly protocol that generally imposed on his freewheeling style and White House operations at large. Trump let him go in December 2018.

When asked to respond to Haley's book, Kelly told CBS' "Sunday Morning" that "if by resistance and stalling, she means pushing a state process in place — to ensure the (president) knew all the pros and cons of what policy decision he might be contemplating so he could make an informed decision, then guilty as charged."

One early reaction to Haley's book came from Trump's Twitter account. After noting the book's release and her book tour, Trump tweeted, "Good luck Nikki!"

US officer called disloyal for part in Ukraine probe

By MARC FISHER
The Washington Post

His father gave up everything to escape from communism, an overbearing government, anti-Semitism and the painfully narrowed opportunities that Jews faced in the Soviet Union. Alexander Vindman grew up in Brooklyn, determined to be as American as can be.

Now Vindman is suddenly a crucial figure in a controversy that could lead to the impeachment of President Donald Trump — hailed by many of Trump's critics as a patriotic truth-teller yet dismissed by the president and some of his allies as a disloyal tattler who is somehow not fully American.

Vindman and his identical twin, Yevgeny, were not quite 4 when they landed in the United States, settling in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, a half-hour subway ride from the ferry to the Statue of Liberty.

Grateful to the nation that ad-

opted them, the twins enlisted in the U.S. Army and launched careers in government. Today, at 44, Vindman is a military man in a job that puts a premium on discretion — and the commander in chief, without evidence, calls him a "Never Trumper witness."

But those who have worked with Vindman describe him as a model officer.

"He was firm and he was balanced," said Peter Zwack, a now-retired brigadier general who was Vindman's boss when the young officer was a Defense Department official working in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. "Totally self-made, as you often get with immigrants. They're lucky. There's a drive to pay back the opportunity that your new nation gave you."

As director of European affairs for the National Security Council, Vindman was required to listen in to the July 25 phone call between Trump and the president of Ukraine, where Vindman was born. After the call, Vindman felt

compelled to report his alarm over hearing the president request that Ukraine investigate former vice president Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

In this time of political division and internet-facilitated inspection, Vindman has lost the anonymity that served him well in Army positions at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and in the White House. After consulting with an ethics lawyer — his twin brother, a National Security Council attorney who worked across the hall from him — Vindman took his concern up the chain of command. He was no whistleblower, but he ended up telling his story to investigators and to a congressional committee, and soon he is expected to appear before lawmakers during nationally televised hearings.

Wearing his military uniform, Vindman testified in closed session for 10 hours last month — a grueling, comative session recounted in a 340-page transcript released Friday by the House In-

telligence Committee.

Vindman's brush with fame quickly got ugly. On Fox News, Laura Ingraham described him as "a U.S. national security official who is advising Ukraine while working inside the White House, apparently against the president's interests."

As a defense attorney posted to an embassy overseas, Vindman, in the military's nonpartisan tradition, has insisted that he had no politics other than representing his government.

"I am a patriot, and it is my sacred duty and honor to advance and defend our country, irrespective of party or politics," he told the congressional committee last month. In his written text, he put the word "our" in capital letters.

Vindman has remained publicly silent since his name burst into the news. His attorney, Michael Volkov, said Vindman goes to the White House every day. "He is at work, busy, doing his job," he said.

NATION

2020 longshots maintain race is still up for grabs

By HOLLY RAMER
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Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Bernie Sanders rallied hundreds of supporters outside the New Hampshire capital when the senator formally filed to compete in the state's first-in-the-nation presidential primary. A howling crowd cheered South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg as he walked through the statehouse to file his paperwork.

When it was Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet's turn, he wound up with about a dozen supporters and a pep talk from Secretary of State Bill Gardner, the dean of the New Hampshire primary.

"Giving the little guy a chance, that's what it's about," Gardner assured Bennet, who sits at about 1% in most polls.

Voters cast ballots in less than three months, and the Democratic primary is still crowded with little guys. Roughly a half-dozen candidates in the very bottom tier of the Democratic presidential

primary are soldiering on, hoping that even after months of campaigning without catching fire that there's still a chance. Their resolve reflects, in part, some Democrats' insistence that the lineup of top contenders is deeply flawed and the race is primed for some late twists and turns.

"I truly believe that that person is as likely to be someone polling at 1% today as it is to be the people that are leading in the race today," Bennet told reporters after filing his paperwork. "Stranger things have happened than that."

Candidates like Bennet have some reason for optimism. Polls show many Democratic voters, even in early voting states, have not made up their minds.

In Iowa, the first state to weigh in, the front of the pack is crowded, another sign of ambiguity, some argue. Worries about the strength of the front-runners prompted Michael Bloomberg, the billionaire former New York mayor, to move toward a bid, threatening to expand the field



HOLLY RAMER/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., speaks to the media Wednesday in Concord, N.H., after filing to be on the state's first-in-the-nation presidential primary ballot.

just as the party thought it would be winnowing.

Some higher profile aspirants, including New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand or former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, weren't able to stick it out after months of poor polling and lackluster fundraising. Some middle-tier candidates, meanwhile, have had to scale back their operations. California Sen. Kamala Harris pulled staff from New Hampshire last week, while former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro cut positions there and in early voting South Carolina.

But Bennet and others seemed to have prepared for a long, very slow burn.

Bennet and Montana Gov. Steve Bullock never expected to raise much money and built small-scale operations that could carry them until the first part of February, when Iowa and then New Hampshire vote.

Bennet and Bullock stand out in the crowded bottom tier as two well-regarded moderate politicians who got into the race late — in May — and appear to have the same strategy: Wait for former Vice President Joe Biden's sup-

port to collapse and hope they're the best centrist standing.

Other perennial 1% polling candidates have plans that are far less clear. They include spiritualist and best-selling author Marianne Williamson, who moved from Los Angeles to Iowa for the race; former Pennsylvania Rep. Joe Sestak, who just concluded a walk across New Hampshire to attempt to draw attention to his campaign; and former Maryland

Rep. John Delaney, a wealthy businessman who is self-funding much of his race.

Bloomberg escalates doubts and anxiety about Dem front-runners

By STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Presidential politics move fast. What we're watching heading into a new week on the 2020 campaign:

Days to Iowa caucuses: 84.
Days to general election: 358.

The narrative

Whether he does or doesn't run, New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg has escalated doubts about front-runners Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren and pushed Democratic anxiety to new heights. There may be more than a dozen candidates still in the race, but several ambitious Democrats who initially opted to bypass a 2020 bid are suddenly being taken seriously as potential candidates. Less than three months before voting begins, the Democratic primary feels increasingly unsettled.

The big questions

■ Will Bloomberg run?

He is one of the richest men on the planet and he's taking steps toward making a late entrance in the Democratic primary. Bloomberg

scorers insist that he's yet to make a final decision, so do not assume he will run — especially given the hostile reception he received from some in his adopted party's base. Still, his extraordinary wealth means he can be a major factor in the race.

■ How much does New Hampshire matter in 2020?

The epicenter of the Democratic primary has clearly shifted to New Hampshire in recent weeks, raising questions about how aggressively candidates will compete in the first-in-the-nation primary state. This week offers a reminder that the top-tier candidates still have a lot to lose there. The stakes are particularly high for Elizabeth Warren, who is locked in what many consider a must-win contest against progressive rival Bernie Sanders because of their perceived neighborhood-state advantage. And don't sleep on Pete Buttigieg in New Hampshire. He's starting the week on a bus tour and positioning himself to exceed expectations in the Granite State, even if he doesn't win outright.

■ The GOP is losing the suburbs. Does it care? It's hard to believe that it's been only a week since Demo-

crats scored victories in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky that highlighted the Republican Party's acute problem in the suburbs. Republican-leaning voters there, particularly women, have been quite clear that they don't like President Donald Trump's leadership and the GOP's position on gun violence, among other issues. Trump and his allies largely ignored the problem in the days immediately after the election. If their silence continues this week, we'll know just how seriously Republicans are taking their suburban problem.

■ Will the impeachment shadow help or hurt?

The biggest week so far in the Democrats' impeachment inquiry is upon us. Televised hearings beginning on Wednesday will overshadow the 2020 presidential contest for much of the week. The impeachment inquiry effectively froze the Democratic race when it began earlier in the fall, which seemed to benefit Biden. Will that trend continue this week?

■ Do Trump's primary challenges matter?

We forgive you for not having this on your calendars, but three Republican presidential candidates are expected to file



Michael Bloomberg

formal candidacy papers this week in New Hampshire, which has emerged as ground zero for Republican opposition to the Republican president — to the extent it exists anywhere. Former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld, former Illinois congressman Joe Walsh and former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford have to file by Friday's deadline. It's easy to laugh them off, but their candidacies represent a larger threat to Trump: whether Republicans concerned about the president — and there are many — can be persuaded to show up to vote for him next fall or not.

The final thought

The incumbent president is facing an escalating impeachment inquiry and multiple primary challenges, while Bloomberg has exposed major concerns with the Democratic Party's leading candidates. This isn't where either party wants to be.

NY Rep. King says he will not seek 2020 reelection

Associated Press

New York Rep. Peter King announced Monday he will not seek reelection in 2020.

The 14-term Republican congressman said in a Facebook post that his commute was a main factor in his decision, saying he wants "flexibility to spend more time" with his children and grandchildren.

"The prime reason for my decision was that after 28 years of spending 4 days a week in Washington, D.C., it is time to end the weekly commute and be home in Seaford," he wrote in the post.

He's represented parts of Long Island since 1993 and is the longest-serving Republican member of New York's congressional delegation.

He has cultivated a reputation for bipartisanship while maintaining a hard line on immigration and crime — winning issues in New York's 2nd Congressional District, which covers suburban Long Island about an hour's drive east of Manhattan.

King, 75, is the former chair of the House Homeland Security Committee.

NATION

'Baby Trump' balloon slasher: Would do it again

The Washington Post

A man who slashed open a giant "Baby Trump" balloon with a knife during the president's trip Saturday to Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the Alabama-Louisiana State football game was free on bond Sunday, saying in a video that he'd "do it again if given the opportunity."

A group protesting President Donald Trump's visit set up the 20-foot inflatable caricature in a park near Bryant-Denny Stadium ahead of the match between the top-ranked college teams. It was looming among the crowds outside when someone ran up and cut an 8-foot gash in the side, organizers said.

Police identified the suspect as Hoyt Hutchinson, 32, of Tuscaloosa. They said officers arrested him after he sliced into the balloon and tried to flee.

Hutchinson was charged with first-degree criminal mischief, a felony, and was released on \$2,500 bond, according to AL.com. It was not clear if he had retained an attorney.



STEPHANIE TAYLOR, THE TUSCALOOSA (ALA.) NEWS/AP

A responding officer and an unidentified man stand by a "Baby Trump" balloon that was slashed as people were protesting President Donald Trump's visit to an NCAA college football game in nearby Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Saturday.

torney. After his release, he posted a Facebook live video saying

as he stood in front of a TV with the game playing: "Some liber-

als tried to come to my hometown and start some trouble. That ain't happening. I did get arrested. I got charged. That's all right. I'd do it again given the opportunity."

The appearance of the Baby Trump balloon marked the third time in recent weeks that the president has faced conspicuous opposition at sporting events.

He was met with sustained boos and chants of "lock him up" when he attended a World Series game at Nationals Park in Washington last month. He got a similar reception when he attended a mixed martial arts event in New York at the beginning of November. The reactions have incensed some of Trump's supporters, who call the behavior disrespectful.

While the Baby Trump balloon caused a stir outside the Alabama-LSU game, Trump appeared to get a mostly warm welcome inside the stadium, where he was greeted with a mix of boos, cheers and chants of "USA! USA!"

By the time the game ended, a

GoFundMe page titled "Restitutions for Baby Trump Stabber" had been set up by a user named Hoyt Hutchinson. It featured a video of a man resembling Hutchinson's mug shot yelling "Trump 2020!" as officers push him into an SUV.

A description on the page read, "Hoyt made sure our beloved president didn't have to see this disrespectful balloon on the streets of Town today!" The page had raised more than \$21,000 as of Sunday morning, far surpassing its goal of \$6,000. Hutchinson promised on Facebook to donate whatever is left after his legal expenses "to the Republican Party."

According to the Tuscaloosa News, Hutchinson posted a pre-game Facebook Live video in which he said he wanted to take down the Baby Trump balloon.

"I'm shaking, I'm so mad right now," the man in the video said. "I'm fixing to pop this balloon, without a doubt. Stay tuned. This should be interesting."

Hispanic immigrant may lead US bishops

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

Clergy sex abuse is once again on the agenda as U.S. Catholic bishops meet this week — but so is a potentially historic milestone: Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez, an immigrant from Mexico, is widely expected to win election as the first Hispanic president of the bishops' national conference.

Gomez, 67, is currently the conference's vice president — a post that by tradition serves as a springboard to the presidency. In terms of doctrine, Gomez is considered a practical-minded conservative, but he is an outspoken advocate of a welcoming immigration policy that would include a path to citizenship for many immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Archbishop Jose Gomez, left, vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, sits with conference President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo before the annual fall meeting last November in Baltimore.

In August, after a gunman targeting Mexicans killed 22 people at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, Gomez wrote a powerful blog post condemning white supremacy and noting that Spanish was spoken in North America before English was.

"Men and women do not become less than human, less a child of God, because they are

"undocumented," Gomez wrote. "Yet, in our nation, it has become common to hear migrants talked about and treated as if they are somehow beneath caring about."

The three-day meeting, which opened on Monday, will mark the end of the three-year presidential term of Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Texas.

Rape victim rejects judge's offer: \$150K to cut sentence

By LATESHIA BEACHUM
The Washington Post

A Louisiana judge asked a rape survivor an unusual question when he was sentencing her attacker: Would she accept \$150,000 from the man in exchange for reducing his 12-year sentence?

State District Judge Bruce Bennett's question surprised the district attorney's office, according to East Baton Rouge District Attorney Hillar Moore.

Moore, who wasn't present at the time of the sentencing, told The Washington Post that Bennett's proposal caught his associate attorney "off guard."

"This was an unusual gesture. I don't know why he said what he said," Moore said. "My guess is, knowing the judge, maybe he was trying to assist the lady in some type of way, but I cannot speak for him. The lady wanted time."

She rejected the offer in a court hearing Thursday. The Advocate reported.

The woman, now 31, was 15 years old when Sedrick Hills, 45, raped her.

"This whole experience has been like a movie, but a bad movie, a horror movie," she said, according to The Advocate. "I've been fighting this over half my life. I'm tired. I'm angry. Stuff like this deteriorates a person. It deteriorates who I am. I'm still trying to figure out who I am."

Hills was charged in 2014 and convicted last year after DNA evidence surfaced and connected him to the 2003 rape. He was found guilty of forcible rape and an incest crime in August 2018, according to custody records and The Advocate.

The victim wanted him to

serve time for his crime, not any money.

"I don't think money is going to provide any restitution for what he's done," she said at Thursday's court hearing, according to The Advocate.

She wanted Hills to serve time for the time she felt he had taken away from her in the aftermath of his rape.

Moore said he has seen judges order restitution, but this is the first time in his career that a judge made an offer such as Bennett's.

Moore stressed that he has a lot of respect for the judge, who served on the bench for nearly 30 years.

Bennett retired in 2015, but he's been filling in the 19th Judicial District Court seat since it became vacant when Judge Todd Hernandez retired in March with a year and nine months still left in his six-year term. The Advocate reported.

Bennett said the money would not be "an extortionary offer," The Advocate reported.

In his supplemental reasons for sentencing, Bennett wrote that the presentence investigation hinted that Hills had been injured in a "big truck" accident that gave him injuries.

The judge said he wasn't aware if there was a civil case pending for the accident but that he thought it seemed unfair for Hills to "emerge from prison with a windfall while the victim has received no compensation for her emotional injuries sustained as a result of the crimes."

Bennett also noted that the time to sue Hills had expired because of Louisiana's statute of limitations.

Trump Jr. declines questions, angers audience

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Donald Trump Jr.'s appearance Sunday at a university to talk about his new book on liberals and free speech was marked by an argument between him and the audience over why he would not take questions, the Guardian newspaper reported.

Members of the audience of about 450 people at the University of California, Los Angeles,

were vocally angry that Trump and his girlfriend, former Fox News personality Kimberly Guilfoyle, declined to take questions because of time constraints, the Guardian reported.

Trump was at UCLA to promote his new book, "Triggered: How The Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us." After Trump was initially being greeted with shouts of "USA! USA!" when he first ap-

peared on the stage of a lecture hall, members of the audience eventually turned to louder, openly hostile chants of "Q and A! Q and A!" after they were told he would not take questions, the newspaper reported.

The Guardian said Trump told the audience that taking questions from the floor risked creating sound bites that left-wing social media posters would abuse and distort.

WORLD

Bolivia in power void as president, successors resign

BY PAOLA FLORES
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Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Bolivia entered a sudden era of political uncertainty on Monday as President Evo Morales, pushed by the military and weeks of massive protests, resigned after nearly 14 years in power, and seemingly every person constitutionally in line for the job quit as well.

Crowds of jubilant foes of the socialist leader celebrated in the streets with honking horns and fireworks after Morales' announcement Sunday, treating as a triumph of democracy the ouster of a man who pushed aside presidential term limits and claimed victory in a widely questioned October election.

"We are celebrating that Bolivia is free," said one demonstrator near the presidential palace.

But others — including Morales himself — saw it as a return to the bleak era of coups d'état overseen by Latin American militaries that long dominated the region. Morales stepped aside only after the military chief, Gen. Williams Kaliman, called for him to quit to allow the restoration of peace and stability.

Morales earlier in the day had already accepted calls for a new election by an Organization of American States team that found a "heap of observed irregularities" in the Oct. 20 election, the official results of which showed Morales getting just enough votes to avoid a runoff against a united opposition.

It wasn't immediately clear who would succeed Morales or how his successor would be chosen.

His vice president also resigned, as did the Senate president, who was next in line. The only other official listed by the constitution as a successor, the head of the lower house, already had resigned.

There were no immediate signs that the military itself was maneu-

vering for power, but "I think we have to keep a close eye on what the military does over the next few hours," said Jennifer Cyr, associate professor of political science and Latin American studies at the University of Arizona. "Are they overstepping their role?"

She said, "The power vacuum opens up space for the military to potentially step in."

Morales was the first member of Bolivia's indigenous population to become president, and he brought unusual stability and economic progress, helping cut poverty and inequality in the impoverished nation. He remains deeply popular among many Bolivians. Backers of the president have clashed with opposition demonstrators in disturbances that have followed the October vote.

After nightfall, there were reports of tensions in La Paz and the neighboring city of El Alto, with reports of looting and burning of public property and some houses.

The leadership crisis had escalated in the hours leading up to Morales' resignation. Two government ministers in charge of mines and hydrocarbons, the Chamber of Deputies president and three other pro-government legislators announced their resignations. Some said opposition supporters had threatened their families.

In addition, the head of Bolivia's Supreme Electoral Tribunal, Maria Eugenia Choque, stepped down after the release of the OAS findings. The attorney general's office said it would investigate the tribunal's grounds for possible fraud, and police later said Choque had been detained along with 37 other officials on suspicion of electoral crimes.

Morales, whose whereabouts were unknown, went on Twitter late Sunday to claim authorities were seeking to arrest him, but police Gen. Yuri Calderon denied any apprehension order had been issued for him.

harsher legal and police measures may be in the works.

"I do not want to go into details, but I just want to make it very clear that we will spare no effort in finding ways and means that could end the violence in Hong Kong as soon as possible," Lam told reporters.

Lam also refused to accept the protesters' demands for political concessions.

"If there is still any wishful



LUOVIC MARIN/AP

France marks Armistice Day

French President Emmanuel Macron stands at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe during commemorations marking the 101st anniversary of the 1918 armistice ending World War I in Paris on Monday. Greeted by Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, Macron laid a wreath and inspected troops during the ceremony.

UN: Top Iraqi Shiite cleric backs reforms

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The United Nations top envoy to Iraq, seeking support for a road map to resolve massive anti-government protests, said Monday that the country's most powerful Shiite religious leader backs serious reforms but is concerned politicians will not carry them out.

At least 12 protesters were wounded in fresh confrontations with security forces in and around Khilani Square in Baghdad. Most were hit directly with tear gas canisters, according to security and hospital officials who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations. Four others were killed overnight in clashes in a southern city.

Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, the U.N. Special Representative to Iraq, met with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani in the Shiite holy city of Najaf to discuss the series of reforms put forward by the U.N. a day earlier.

"The marjiahay made it clear that it supports the conduct of serious reforms in a reasonable period of time," she said, using the Arabic name for al-Sistani's

authority. "Within that context, it welcomes the proposals of the United Nations, including the proposal for one consolidated electoral framework."

"The marjiahay also expresses its concerns that the political forces are not serious enough to carry out these reforms," she added.

Hennis-Plasschaert said al-Sistani, who did not issue a separate statement, insisted there should be "zero" use of violence against peaceful protesters and that perpetrators "should be held to account without delay."

In recent sermons, al-Sistani has said security forces had a responsibility to show restraint with peaceful protesters.

On Sunday, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq laid out a series of short- and long-term measures aimed at tackling protester demands, including electoral reform and anti-corruption initiatives.

More immediate measures included the release of peaceful demonstrators detained since early October, an investigation into cases of abduction and punishing those found guilty of using excessive force against protesters.

Spain's political divide between parties widens

MADRID — Spain looked set Monday to endure many more months of political uncertainty after the country's fourth election in as many years reflected a widening political chasm between parties on the left and the right.

After Sunday's national vote, no party has a clear mandate to govern, and a far-right party has become a major parliamentary player in Spain for the first time in decades.

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's left-of-center Socialists won the most seats — 120 — but fell far short of a majority in the 350-seat chamber and will need to make deals on several fronts if they are to govern.

Right-wing voters, meanwhile, flocked to the far-right Vox party, giving it 52 seats to become the parliament's third-largest party.

Brexit Party will not challenge Conservatives

HARTLEPOOL, England — In a major shift, Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage said Monday his party will not run against Conservative candidates in almost half of the U.K. seats available in Britain's Dec. 12 election to make sure it doesn't split the pro-Brexit vote.

Farage said the party will not put forward any candidates in the 317 seats that the Conservatives won in the last election, an announcement that should boost the chances that Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservatives win a majority.

Russia's Putin bemoans space base corruption

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin is complaining to his Cabinet that widespread corruption at Russia's new space launch facility is continuing.

The facility in the Far East, named Vostochny, is intended to reduce Russia's reliance on the Baikonur launchpads in Kazakhstan, from which all manned space missions and many other major rockets set off. But construction of Vostochny has been plagued by corruption.

Presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov later told reporters that about 11 billion rubles, or \$160 million, has been embezzled during Vostochny's construction.

Magnitude 5.4 quake felt in southern France

PARIS — The French earthquake detection agency said a moderate tremor measuring 5.4 in magnitude struck southern France in a remote area of the Drome department between Lyon and Marseille.

The agency said the quake occurred before noon Monday and its epicenter was situated near the town of Montelimar in the Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes region.

According to messages posted on social networks, a slight jolt was felt in Montpellier, Lyon, St Etienne, Grenoble, Avignon and Marseille.

From The Associated Press

Hong Kong leader vows to 'spare no effort' to end protests

BY ALICE FUNG
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Following a day of violence in which one person was shot by police and another set on fire, Hong Kong's leader pledged Monday to "spare no effort" to halt anti-government protests that have wracked the city for more than five months.

The comments by Carrie Lam are likely to fuel speculation that

thinking that, by escalating violence, the Hong Kong SAR government will yield to pressure to satisfy the so-called political demands, I am making this statement clear and loud here: That will not happen," Lam said, using the initials for Special Administrative Region, which describes the city's status as a semiautonomous Chinese territory. "These rioters' actions have far exceeded their demands, and they are en-

emies of the people," she said.

Following Lam's comments, confrontations between protesters and police continued into the night, with black-clad demonstrators torching at least one vehicle and blocking an intersection in the Mongkok district that has been the scene of many clashes. A taxi driver was taken away by ambulance with head wounds, although it wasn't immediately clear how he had been injured.

WORLD

Cyclone Bulbul kills at least 14 in India, Bangladesh

By JULHAS ALAM
Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A strong cyclone lashed northeastern India and Bangladesh on Sunday, killing several people in both countries after more than 2 million moved to shelters across Bangladesh's vast coastal region, officials and news reports said.

Cyclone Bulbul left at least seven people dead in India's West Bengal state, where the storm first made landfall around midnight Saturday, the Press Trust of India news agency reported. The storm then made its way to neighboring Bangladesh, where seven people were killed, according to the United News of Bangladesh news agency.

Enamur Rahman, Bangladesh's junior disaster management minister, said about 5,000 homes across the country's coastal region were damaged and many trees were uprooted by the cyclone. The Agriculture Ministry said more than 494,200 acres

of crop land were damaged in Bangladesh.

Packing winds of up to 75 mph and gusts of up to 80 mph, Bulbul weakened when it started crossing Bangladesh's southwestern coastal region, dumping incessant rain across the country.

Bangladesh's weather office said the cyclone first slammed ashore at Sagar Island in the southern part of India's West Bengal state before moving to Bangladesh. Its path included the southwestern Khulna region, which has the world's largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans, which straddles the Bangladesh-India border.

The weather office said the Sundarbans protected the region, lessening the impact of the cyclone.

Five people were killed in Bagerhat, Khulna and Patuakhali districts as the storm crossed through Khulna and the adjoining southwestern part of Bangladesh early Sunday before weakening into a depression, United News of



BINAS DAS/AP

A woman covers her head with a plastic sheet as it rains in Kolkata, India, on Saturday. On Sunday, a cyclone hit parts of India and Bangladesh.

Bangladesh reported.

Meanwhile, two other people who took shelter in cyclone centers died of cardiac arrest after being panicked in Patuakhali and Sathkhira districts when the storm started battering the region, the news agency said.

Rahman said authorities moved more than 2.1 million people to over 5,000 shelters before the cy-

clone crossed the coast.

The weather office had warned that coastal districts were likely to be inundated by storm surges of 5-7 feet above normal tide because of the storm. Several ships from Bangladesh's navy and coast guard were kept ready in parts of the region for an emergency response, the TV station Independent reported.

Gambia files case against Myanmar in UN court

By MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Gambia filed a case Monday at the United Nations' highest court accusing Myanmar of genocide in its campaign against its Rohingya Muslim minority and asking the International Court of Justice to urgently order measures "to stop Myanmar's genocidal conduct immediately."

Gambia filed the case on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Gambia's justice minister and attorney general, Abubaccr Marie Tambadou, told The Associated Press he wanted to "send a clear message to Myanmar and to the rest of the international community that the world must not stand by and do nothing in the face of terrible atrocities that are occurring around us. It is a shame for our generation that we do nothing while genocide is unfolding right before our own eyes."

Myanmar officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Myanmar's military began a harsh counterinsurgency campaign against the Rohingya in August 2017 in response to an insurgent attack. More than 700,000 Rohingya fled to neighboring Bangladesh to escape what has been called an ethnic cleansing campaign involving mass rapes, killings and the torching of homes.

The head of a U.N. fact-finding mission on Myanmar warned last month that "there is a serious risk of genocide recurring."

The mission also said in its final report in September that Myanmar should be held responsible in international legal forums for alleged genocide against the Rohingya.

The case filed at the International Court of Justice, also known as the world court, alleges that Myanmar's campaign against the Rohingya, which includes "killing, causing serious bodily and mental harm, inflicting conditions that are calculated to bring about physical destruction, imposing measures to prevent births, and forcible transfers, are genocidal in character because they are intended to destroy the Rohingya group in whole or in part."

Tambadou said in a statement, "Gambia is taking this action to seek justice and accountability for the genocide being committed by Myanmar against the Rohingya, and to uphold and strengthen the global norm against genocide that is binding upon all states."

Param-Preet Singh, associate international justice director at Human Rights Watch, called the case a "game changer" and called on other states to support it.

Emergency declared due to wildfires in Australia

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — Australia's most populous state declared a state of emergency on Monday due to unprecedented wildfire danger as calls grew for Australia to take more action to counter climate change.

New South Wales state Emergency Services Minister David Elliott said residents were facing what "could be the most dangerous bushfire week this nation has ever seen."

Fires in the state's northeast have claimed three lives, destroyed more than 150 homes and razed more than 3,800 square miles of forest and farmland since Friday.

Doctors and paramedics have treated more than 100 people for fire-related injuries, including 20



DARREN PATEMAN, AAP IMAGE/AP

Firefighters work to contain a bushfire in Old Bar, Australia, on Saturday.

firefighters, Ambulance Commissioner Dominic Morgan said.

North of New South Wales, wildfires destroyed nine homes on Monday in Queensland state, where air quality plummeted in

Brisbane, the state capital, and surrounding cities to the lowest possible rating of "very poor."

Health authorities urged residents not to go outside.

Fire conditions in New South

Wales are forecast to be worse on Tuesday than they were on Friday.

The state government announced that more than 600 schools and technical colleges will be closed on Tuesday because of the fire risk. Australian military personnel are supporting 1,500 firefighters who were battling 60 blazes across the state.

"The catastrophic weather conditions mean that things can change very quickly," Premier Gladys Berejiklian told reporters in Sydney.

Catastrophic fire danger has been declared for Sydney and the Hunter Valley region to the north on Tuesday with severe and extreme danger across vast tracts of the rest of the state.

Japanese women fight ban on wearing glasses at work

By KURUMI MORI
Bloomberg

Japanese women are fighting for the right to wear eyeglasses to work, a new front in the growing movement that demands an end to the prescriptive beauty standards faced by female employees.

The hashtag "glasses ban" started trending Wednesday on Twitter after Japan's Nippon TV

aired a story about companies that require female employees to wear contact lenses instead of glasses. One post decrying such policies racked up almost 25,000 retweets.

One Twitter user said she was told by her previous employer that glasses didn't appeal to customers, while another said she was compelled to endure the pain

of wearing contact lenses while recovering from an eye infection.

"The emphasis on appearance is often on young women and wanting them to look feminine," Banri Yanagi, 40, a sales associate at a life insurer in Tokyo, said in an interview. "It's strange to allow men to wear glasses but not women."

"If wearing glasses is a real

problem at work it should be banned for everyone — men and women," said actor and writer Yumi Ishikawa, who started a petition signed by more than 31,000 supporters who agree standing in heels all day should not be a job requirement for female workers. "This problem with glasses is the exact same as high heels. It's only a rule for female workers."

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Chinese firms report booming Singles Day sales

By Joe McDonald

Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese e-commerce giants Alibaba and JD.com reported nearly \$60 billion in sales Monday payout through Singles Day, an annual marketing event that is the world's busiest online shopping day.

The day was a temporary relief to retailers that face fading demand as Chinese consumers, anxious over slowing economic growth and the tariff war with Washington, tighten their belts.

University students created Singles Day in the 1990s as an alternative Valentine's Day for people without romantic partners. Alibaba adopted it as a marketing tool a decade ago. The creators picked Nov. 11 because the date is written with four singles — "11."

Rivals including JD.com, China's biggest online direct retailer, and electronics seller Suning joined in. The tactic has caught



No Han Guan/AP

Shoppers in Beijing take part in a promotion ahead of Singles Day on Monday. Chinese online shoppers hunt for bargains on the holiday, created in the 1990s, that has become the world's busiest day for online commerce.

on in other Asian countries too.

On Monday, retailers offered discounts on goods from smartphones to craft beer to health care packages.

Alibaba said sales by merchants on its platforms totaled \$31.7 billion by 6 p.m., passing last year's total of \$30.8 billion. JD.com reported sales of \$25.6 billion by

midafternoon.

Alibaba kicked off the event Sunday night with a concert by Taylor Swift at a Shanghai stadium.

E-commerce has grown rapidly in China due to a lack of traditional retailing networks and government efforts to promote internet use. The country has 800 million people online.

Alibaba, JD.com, Baidu and other internet giants have expanded into consumer finance, entertainment and offline retailing.

Monday was Alibaba's first Singles Day since its founder, Jack Ma, stepped down as chairman in September. He stayed on as a member of the Alibaba Partnership, a 36-member group with the right to nominate a majority of the company's board of directors.

Chinese online spending is growing faster than total retail sales but also is weakening as the economy slows. Growth declined to a multidecade low of 6% less than a year earlier in the quarter

ending in September.

Online sales of goods rose 16.8% over a year earlier in the first nine months of 2019 to \$825 billion, according to official data.

Yang Wei, a migrant worker in Beijing, planned to skip the online rush.

"I feel like the difference (in price) is not that big, and since everyone's buying all at once, the logistics and delivery are slower," said Yang. "I think that it's actually better for me to buy when not everyone's buying."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 12)	\$1,1320
Dollar buys (Nov. 12)	€0.8834
British pound (Nov. 12)	\$1.31
Japanese yen (Nov. 12)	106.00
South Korean won (Nov. 12)	1,130.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1,2862
Canada (dollar)	1,3222
China (Yuan)	7.1003
Denmark (Krone)	6.7702
Egypt (Pound)	16.1735
Poland (Zloty)	\$1,1036/9,9061
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8272
Hungary (Forint)	302.94
Israel (Shekel)	2,4996
Japan (Yen)	109.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	3.3038
Norway (Krone)	6.1483
Philippines (Peso)	50.85
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3609
South Korea (Won)	1,165.83
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9937
Thailand (Baht)	30.33
Turkey (Lira)	5.7745

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.55
3-month bond	2.42

NY to investigate Apple Card for sex bias

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York regulator is investigating Goldman Sachs for possible sex discrimination in the way it sets credit limits. The bank denies wrongdoing.

The investigation follows a series of viral tweets by entrepreneur and web developer David Heinemeier Hansson about algorithms used for the Apple Card, which Goldman Sachs manages in partnership with Apple.

Hansson said the card offered him a credit limit 20 times greater than it gave to his wife, even though she has a higher credit score. He called the algorithm a sexist program.

A spokeswoman for the New York Department of Financial Services confirmed that the agency will investigate.

The agency is "troubled to learn of potential discriminatory treatment in regards to credit limit decisions reportedly made by an algorithm of Apple Card, issued by Goldman Sachs," said spokeswoman Sophia Kim. She said the department "will be conducting an investigation to determine whether New York law was violated and ensure all consumers are treated equally regardless of sex."

"Our credit decisions are based on a customer's creditworthiness and not on factors like gender, race, age, sexual orientation or any other basis prohibited by law," said Goldman Sachs spokesman Andrew Williams.

Apple did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In several tweets, Hansson didn't disclose his or his wife's income, but wrote that they have been married a long time, file joint tax returns and live in a community property state. He tweeted that appeals when she got a far lower credit limit fell on deaf ears.

When Apple Card finally raised her credit limit without addressing the scoring system, he tweeted, it was essentially trying to "bribe one loud mouth on Twitter, then we don't have to actually examine our faulty faith in THE ALGORITHM."

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

24 chow down in stone crab eating contest

FL MARATHON — A Florida resident won a stone crab claw eating competition in the Florida Keys.

Kevin Bombardier, of Miami, bested 23 rivals Saturday by cracking and consuming 25 stone crab claws in 14 minutes and 16 seconds, a new record at the Keys Fisheries Stone Crab Claw Eating Contest.

Marathon residents Greg D'Agostino and Ryan Beckett claimed a fifth consecutive top team title, finishing in 6:40.

Contestants had to pick claws completely clean of meat in the fastest time. Meat left behind resulted in time penalties.

Monument rededicated at Civil War battle site

MS VICKSBURG — A Mississippi monument was rededicated in a national park on a Civil War battlefield. A ceremony took place Nov. 4 in the Vicksburg National Military Park.

The Vicksburg Post reported the Mississippi monument underwent a \$75,000 restoration funded by the state and promoted by a group called Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign.

Work included masonry repairs, testing of the monument's lightning suppression system and thorough cleaning. It was done by the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center.

Busted for speeding? Troopers have an app

ME PORTLAND — Busted for speeding? Maine State Police have an app for that.

Maine troopers are preparing to issue traffic citations via computers in their cruisers. The motorist gets a printout of the citation, which is electronically sent to court.

Trooper Anthony Keim, the first to test the "e-citation program," said it's easier to type out the ticket than to write out a ticket by hand. It will be rolled out to all state police cruisers in December.

But it comes with a cost of about \$1,000 per cruiser. That's a problem for smaller departments, but some of them are hoping grants may eventually cover the costs.

Man: McDonald's sweet tea had weed inside

SC HILTON HEAD — A South Carolina man who went to McDonald's for a sweet tea says he received a little extra herbal substance on the side.

The Island Packet reported that Parrish Brown went to a McDonald's on Hilton Head Island and asked for a sweet tea with light ice and extra lemon.

Brown now believes "extra lemon" was no longer employed by the company and Durr is on unpaid leave.



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Jetty jogger

A wave rolls over a jetty as a jogger sashes through on Sunday in Bal Harbour, Fla.

once he was "high as a kite."

Brown said he'd never had marijuana so he didn't recognize the taste. He said he paid regular price for the items.

Sheriff: 17 arrested in child porn sting

FL WINTER HAVEN — Authorities in central Florida said two Disney workers and a former assistant principal at a middle school were among 17 people arrested in a child porn sting.

In a news release, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said Friday that the 17 men arrested range in age from 19 to 77.

Investigators said Walt Disney World Resorts janitor Donald Durr, 52, of Davenport had images of child porn on an electronic tablet.

Investigators said Brett Kinney, 40, of Lake Alfred, told officers he had an addiction to child pornography and worked as a guest experience manager at Disney World.

In a statement, Disney said Kinney is no longer employed by the company and Durr is on unpaid leave.

THE CENSUS

10 The number of times a Wisconsin driver has been arrested for drunken driving. The 41-year-old Sun Prairie driver was charged after police found him passed out behind the wheel. He was found unconscious in a car shortly before 7 a.m. Sunday. He was booked on tentative charges of felony operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating after revocation and on a probation and parole hold.

Police search for archer after 2 men injured

CA RICHMOND — Police are searching for an archer who shot arrows at a homeless encampment in the San Francisco Bay Area, striking two men in the abdomen.

The East Bay Regional Park District police said Saturday the victims were hit by arrows about midnight in Richmond, a working-class suburb east of San Francisco.

Police said the attacker was someone the victims knew.

Sgt. Gretchen Rose said the victims were staying at the encampment along the San Francisco Bay Trail but their attacker did not live there. She said one victim was additionally hit in the leg.

Both men were taken to the hospital, where one underwent

surgery. They were listed in stable condition.

Teenager says he shot himself while dancing

UT LOGAN — Police in northern Utah are investigating a shooting in which a 17-year-old boy said a gunshot wound to one of his legs was self-inflicted when his gun accidentally discharged as he danced while intoxicated.

The Deseret-News reported that North Park police said the teen sought treatment at a Logan hospital Oct. 5 and that witnesses told investigators the shooting happened when the teen got out of a car at an apartment complex and started dancing.

According to police, the teen told officers that the gun was in his sweatshirt pocket. Police said

the youth's account is plausible but that their investigation into possible firearm and alcohol violations continued Friday.

Man accused of trap to steal car, hit-and-runs

NC CHARLOTTE — Authorities in North Carolina said a man parked a minivan on a busy interstate to trap a driver and steal their vehicle.

News outlets reported that deputies in Iredell County said a woman stopped to avoid hitting the minivan Nov. 4 along Interstate 77.

The woman told deputies the man was standing next to her car with a long metal pipe. The man, later identified as Landis Darnell Glaspy, 48, is accused of opening her car door, throwing her onto the median and driving away with her car.

Deputies said Glaspy was fleeing from multiple hit-and-run collisions he allegedly caused on N.C. 901 near I-77.

Glaspy was arrested Nov. 5. He's charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault.

From wire reports

FACES



Kate Reinders, far right, joins the cast of "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." Reinders plays a new theater teacher in the 10-part series, now streaming on subscription service Disney+.

Back to 'High School'

Actress Kate Reinders jumps from 'Wicked' to Disney+

BY RICK BENTLEY
Tribune News Service

Kate Reinders has had a successful musical theater career, appearing in projects from "Gypsy" to "Good Vibrations." Her long body of professional work came after years of performing in local, regional and national productions in Michigan, where Seattle native Reinders grew up.

One big musical production she missed out on — only because she was the teeniest bit too old and was already working on Broadway at the time — was the 2006 Disney Channel mega-hit "High School Musical." She did get to help in the process of turning the TV movie into a theatrical production later on, but never to the point where she could claim to be part of the phenomenon.

Now, Reinders is one of the stars of the new 10-episode series "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series," launching Tuesday on Disney+. Executive producer Tim Federle's production is set in the Salt Lake City high school where the three movies were filmed. New theater teacher Miss Jenn (Reinders) is appalled to hear that East High School has never performed the musical and makes it her mission to make it happen.

When Reinders was in high school, there weren't a lot of outlets to do musical theater. Those who did take to the stage weren't considered part of the cool crowd.

"I was a geek," Reinders says. "I was tiny. I was the latest bloomer of all. But I loved musical theater because that was a place where that stuff didn't matter. Everyone was accepting of each other and celebrated for what made them unique."

"Then 'High School Musical' came along and it was suddenly cool to be part of musical theater."

Reinders credits a summer stock theater in her hometown for giving her the first steps in making her theater journey. She started appearing in summer productions there when she was 12 and continued through the end of high school.

The shows were a mix of local performers with directors and actors from New York, which gave Reinders a chance to learn from professionals and cultivate contacts. It was only two years after graduating from Western Michigan Christian High School that Reinders was working on Broadway.

"When I was a young girl, I dreamt of being in 'Les Misérables' because that was the show then. I

realized at some point I would never play Eponine, but then at the same time I realized that Glinda in 'Wicked' would be the role that I would dream of playing if I was young. And here I am playing it," Reinders says. "I remember being in Chicago, in the bubble, thinking this is it. I am living my dream."

Reinders thought her career would go downhill after playing Glinda. But that changed when the Disney+ series came along. Her character is new to the "High School Musical" world, and Reinders is excited about getting to take on the role. She was so determined to get the part, Reinders showed up to the audition with a flute because everyone had been told they would need to show off all their special skills.

A variety of teachers helped mold Reinders to be a Broadway star, appearing in such works as "Wicked," "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "Into the Woods" and "Something Rotten!" But she channeled a different person to come up with the energetic and determined Miss Jenn.

"If anything, I am channeling my mother a little bit. But that's not my fault," Reinders says. "I have had many teachers who have influenced me in ways I don't even realize. I thank all of them for their patience and love."

This season will chart the process of the school putting the show together from auditions to opening night. The young actors in the series taking on the characters who will be playing roles from "High School Musical" include Joshua Bassett, Olivia Rodrigo, Sofia Wylie, Matt Cornett, Dara Renee, Julia Lester, Frankie A. Rodriguez and Larry Saperstein.

Reinders is not actually the theater teacher for the young cast members, but she does have the kind of knowledge to share that comes with years of working in theater productions.

"They are not just getting into musical theater, they are redefining it and making it their own," Reinders says. "Honestly, I feel so privileged to know them now and see where they go from here. In 20 years, I will get to say 'I knew them when' because they are all superstars in their own right."



Reinders

'Fresh Off the Boat' to end

From wire reports

ABC's "Fresh Off the Boat," the first network TV comedy in two decades to focus on an Asian American family, is coming to an end after six seasons.

The network said Nov. 8 that the sitcom starring Randall Park and Constance Wu will wrap with an hourlong finale Feb. 21, making this a truncated last season.

The show about a couple and their three children in 1990s Florida is based on chef Eddie Huang's memoir of the same name.

A possible spinoff with characters to be introduced on "Fresh Off the Boat" is being considered. It would focus on an Indian family whose daughter is one of Eddie's (Hudson Yang) classmates.

Wu, who starred in "Crazy Rich Asians," apologized this year for a Twitter outburst lamenting the show's renewal this season.

She said it was an emotional reaction to having to pass on a passion project because it conflicted with "Fresh Off the Boat."

The comedy, which airs at 8:30 p.m. stateside Fridays, is averaging 3.1 million weekly viewers this season, making it No. 69 out of about 80 network programs.

'Midway' surprise No. 1 at weekend box office

Timed for Veterans Day, "Midway" opened as the surprise top film in North America, exceeding forecasts and beating the Stephen King adaptation "Doctor Sleep."

The World War II picture opened with sales of \$17.5 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters, researcher Comscore estimated Sunday. Analysts had expected \$11.4 million to \$15 million.

"Midway," which cost \$100 million to make, chronicles the pivotal naval battle between the U.S. and Japan that took place six months after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"Doctor Sleep," Warner Bros.' sequel to the 1980s horror classic "The Shining," opened with \$14.1 million. Analysts were forecasting \$25 million to \$28 million.

Also in its first weekend, "Playing with Fire," a family comedy about firefighters rescuing runaway kids, opened in third place with \$12.8 million. "Last Christmas," a romantic comedy featuring "Game of Thrones" star Emilia Clarke and Henry Golding from "Crazy Rich Asians," took fourth place with \$11.6 million.

Backlash surprises CGI James Dean director

A director behind the film that cast a CGI version of James Dean says he's surprised by the backlash it sparked.

"Finding Jack" filmmaker Aaron Ernst said that he was saddened and confused by the film's tepid reception after announcing last week that the long-deceased "Rebel Without a Cause" actor had been posthumously cast in the Vietnam War-era drama.

"We don't really understand it. We never intended for this to be a marketing gimmick," Ernst told

the Hollywood Reporter after criticism of the decision washed over social media.

Ernst's production house, Magic City Films, obtained the rights to Dean's image from his family and then made the unusual decision to re-create "a realistic version of James Dean" using "full body" visual-effects tools. Pre-production is set to begin this month, with the goal of release on Veterans Day next year.

Woody Allen, Amazon end legal battle

Woody Allen and Amazon.com have ended their legal battle. Terms were not disclosed.

The filmmaker had sued Amazon in February after the online giant ended his 2017 contract without ever releasing a completed film, "A Rainy Day in New York." Amazon had responded that Allen, whose daughter Dylan has accused him of molesting her when she was a girl, breached the four-movie deal by making insensitive remarks about the #MeToo movement. Allen has repeatedly denied the allegations made by his daughter.

Beatles album cover photographer dies

Photographer Robert Freeman, who helped define the image of The Beatles with some of the band's best-known album covers, has died at 82.

Born in 1936, Freeman began his career as a photojournalist for London's Sunday Times and captured portraits for leading jazz musicians before working with The Beatles. He shot the black-and-white cover for the 1963 album "With The Beatles," picturing the Fab Four's faces in part-shadow. It became a defining image of the group and was used for the 1964 U.S. album "Meet The Beatles!" Freeman went on to photograph the covers of "Beatles For Sale," "Help!" and "Rubber Soul."

Pete Doherty arrested again in Paris

Paris authorities say British singer Pete Doherty has been arrested for the second time in a week.

The Paris prosecutor's office said Monday the 40-year-old former Libertines and Babyshambles frontman was placed in custody Sunday for "violence by a person in a manifest state of intoxication."

It was just one day after he was released from custody. He had been detained in the night of Thursday-Friday over a foiled cocaine purchase.

Other news

■ The Producers Guild of America will honor Octavia Spencer for her work behind the camera at its 2020 awards show. Spencer, who was among the producers of last year's best picture Oscar winner "Green Book," will receive the Visionary Award at the Producers Guild Awards on Jan. 18.

SHIFTING GEARS



Ford/TNS

2020 Ford Mustang Shelby strikes like lightning

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — The menacing image of a king cobra poised to strike has been synonymous with Shelby Cobra Mustangs since 1965, but the badge for Ford's new 2020 Mustang Shelby GT500 — at 760 horsepower, the most powerful street-legal Ford ever — could equally easily be a winged pillow.

It's brutally quick — 3.3 seconds 0-60 mph, 10.7 seconds in the standing quarter mile — but not remotely punishing, simultaneously the fastest and most comfortable GT500 ever.

Thank a brand new dual-clutch seven-speed automatic transmission and Magna-ride adaptive shocks, plus the undivided attention of Ford Performance chief engineer Carl Widmann's team virtually since the day the last killer Shelby, the Mustang GT350, hit the road in 2015.

The GT350's handling raised the stakes for the GT500. The new car answers with a straight flush: handling, straight-line speed, dramatic looks, ride comfort and a dynamite dual-clutch automatic transmission.

Prices for the 2020 Shelby GT500 start at \$70,300. It should be in dealerships any day.

The magic starts with the engine, a su-

percharged 5.2L V-8 that can howl like a banshee but leaves the cabin quiet enough for conversation at normal levels. There's even a "good neighbor mode" you can program so as not to wake somebody sleeping next door.

Floor it and the engine races to its 7,500 rpm redline, pushing occupants back like a runaway — well, Mustang.

The prospect of 625 pound-feet of torque on tap should be enough to scare anybody away from hard acceleration on public streets, but sticky Michelin performance tires and unobtrusive electronics keep the GT500 from being uncomfortably edgy.

The dual-clutch transmission holds gears for maximum acceleration and delivers satisfying downshifts under braking in sport mode. The Porsche 911's DCT was

the benchmark as Ford developed the new gearbox. Sport mode delivers the quickest shifts, just 8 milliseconds — quicker than a human can press the clutch in, let alone change gears, according to Ford engineers.

Adaptive shock absorbers keep the car from squatting back on its rear wheels even with the accelerator floored. The ride is surprisingly smooth.

Ford specified 20-inch wheels to make room for massive 16.53-inch front brake discs that deliver 25% more heat dissipation than the GT350's brakes. Improved heat dissipation means the brakes continue to work longer under sudden extreme stops and deceleration from high speeds.

How high? The carbon fiber aerodynamics package produces a maximum of 550 pounds of downforce to keep the GT500 from leaving the ground — at 180 mph.

The thick steering wheel wrapped in suede-like Alcantara sets you up for success when the white line is at 12 o'clock to let you know when wheels are aimed dead ahead, an important consideration when you could be drag racing at wide-open throttle from a standstill.

That same steering wheel connects to a rack that's unique to the GT500, with extra large electric motors to turn the big, sticky tires. Response is quick, but not nervous.

Advanced controls help novices master drag racing, which requires a lot more skill than those who haven't done it expect.

You can dial in launch control and heat the tires with electronically controlled burnouts for maximum traction.

I hit 111 mph in a quarter-mile run, despite accidentally short-shifting with the steering wheel-mounted paddle shifter.

The high-bolstered optional two-tone Recaro front sport seats look great, but I found the seat-bottom bolsters so high that I continually bumped my head getting in and out of the Shelby.

The rest of the interior is comfortable and easy to use, with a combination of dials, buttons, voice recognition and touch screen.

The Shelby GT500 I drove had \$21,495 in options, mostly the \$18,500 carbon fiber track pack that includes 20-inch exposed carbon fiber wheels, assorted other carbon fiber pieces and leather-trimmed Recaro seats. Its total price of \$91,795 also included a \$2,600 gas guzzler tax.

The GT500 lineup is as colorful as a bag of Skittles: bright green and orange in addition to deep metallic blue, gray, black, red and silver.

2020 Ford Mustang Shelby

Base price: \$70,300

Engine: 5.2L V-8

Horsepower: 760

Transmission: Dual-clutch

Drivetrain: Front-wheel drive

Wheels: 20-inch, with 16.43-inch front brake discs

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OPINION

US needs to cure health care cost disease

By NOAH SMITH

Bloomberg News

By this point, everyone knows that the U.S. health care system is fundamentally broken. But every plan to fix it runs into a fusillade of opposition. This dynamic could be seen in the reaction to the Affordable Care Act, which remained unpopular for years after its passage. The "Obamacare" system substantially reduced the number of Americans who were uninsured, but costs kept growing.

Most recently, Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren's plan to pay for national health insurance has drawn criticism from both the right and the left, largely because of its cost. Bernie Sanders, who envisions a similar insurance system, promises that his funding plan will be more progressive than Warren's. The expense of his proposal will undoubtedly receive even more fire from centrists and conservatives.

Why is it so hard to agree on a health care plan? One obvious possibility: Reform plans feel as intolerable as the status quo while lacking the promise of lowering costs. The U.S.'s uniquely dysfunctional hybrid public-private system has resulted in the country devoting a much higher share of its output to health care than its rich-world peers.

Reducing costs, therefore, is a must. Not only should a reform program stop an inefficient health care system from continuing to devour the U.S. economy, but it must be made palatable to a frightened and confused electorate.

Advocates of single-payer plans tend to assume that switching to national health insurance will reduce costs. This assumption

features in both Warren's and Sanders' proposals. There is some justification for this. Health care in Canada, which has a single-payer system, costs much less; if the U.S. spent the same percentage of its gross domestic product on health care as its northern neighbor, it would save more than \$1.34 trillion a year. And Medicare, the government-run insurance program for the elderly, has done a better job of holding down costs than the rest of the U.S. insurance system.

But how would the savings be achieved? Simply eliminating the profits of private health insurers would be very little; even after a recent surge in profitability, health insurance earnings amounted to only about \$21 billion in 2018. That's a drop in the bucket.

Many single-payer proponents believe that a government insurance system would save money by reducing administrative costs. A single-payer system wouldn't have to spend a dime on marketing, and it would save providers like hospitals the trouble of dealing with a large number of different insurers. Sanders projects cost savings of \$500 billion a year from this alone, while other estimates put it at between \$340 billion and \$583 billion. That would eliminate perhaps a quarter to a third of the cost gap between the U.S. and Canada.

But there are reasons to be skeptical of those numbers. Medicare's administrative costs appear low, but some of this can be attributed to cost shifting to private partners. The conservative Heritage Foundation argues that Medicare also shifts much of its administrative responsibilities (and thus costs) to providers.

Meanwhile, there are certainly plenty of cases in which government purchasing leads to huge cost overruns. Building in-

frastructure, which is mostly paid for by the government, is much more expensive in the U.S. than in other developed countries. It's quite possible that a U.S. single-payer system will fall victim to the same mysterious American cost disease.

But there's also reason to believe that government health insurance could reduce costs by negotiating lower prices. Research has shown that U.S. health service prices are anomalously high. Studies have documented that hospitals have substantial monopoly power, allowing them to overcharge. A single-payer health insurer could use its market power as the sole buyer of health care to force down these inflated prices. Medicare's lower costs may already benefit from its size and importance as a buyer.

A single-payer system isn't even necessary to do this. Under a system known as all-payer rate setting, providers would have to charge private insurers the same prices that they charge the government. This would allow the government to force prices down without eliminating private insurers. Maryland, which uses this system, has saved substantially in recent years.

Single-payer health insurance is about more than just lowering total costs; it's also about making coverage universal and eliminating the hassle and burden of deductibles and co-payments. But in order to make the public receptive to the huge price tag of a single-payer system, it might be a good idea to first switch to national all-payer rate setting. Forcing down prices is central to health care reform. Any plan that doesn't do this will probably be regarded as a failure.

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At its foundation, Trump charity helped the Trumps

By KATHLEEN PARKER

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WASHINGTON
Imagine Donald Trump's surprise upon realizing that a charity bearing his name did not mean the money belonged to him.

So it has come to pass with a New York judge's ruling last Thursday that the president had misused money given to the Donald J. Trump Foundation and, as part of a settlement, will have to pay \$2 million in damages. Not only did he use the money for himself, including the purchase of a 6-foot-tall portrait of Nene Ocher, but he also filled the board of directors with family members (the usual suspects Ivanka, Donald Jr. and Eric) and at least one officer, Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg, who didn't know he was even on the board, according to court documents.

The man who popularized "fake news" apparently also invented a fake charity. They're tons of fun until you get caught. But there was nothing fake about the money Trump spent that was intended for others.

In addition to the portrait, for which he paid \$10,000 (albeit at an auction for another charity) but which later hung in his Doral golf resort in Miami, Trump's other charitable interests included about \$250,000 to settle lawsuits involving his for-profit business. Best of all, he used \$12,000 from the charity to buy a jersey and a helmet autographed by then-Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow.

There were some "charitable" donations, such as a \$25,000 check in 2013 to a political committee connected to then-Florida

Attorney General Pam Bondi. Charities are prohibited from making political contributions. And, in 2016 while in Iowa at a political rally, Trump issued a \$100,000 check from the foundation to a local veterans group. Again, money from charities is prohibited by federal law from "participating" in political campaigns.

The Washington Post's David Fahrenthold, who was in the crowd, noted the gimmick, embarked on Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporting, and in 2018, New York Attorney General Letitia James filed a lawsuit alleging "persistently illegal conduct" at the foundation, where Trump had served as president since 1987.

One would think that such a "very stable genius," as Trump has described himself, would know that charities are meant to fund, well, charitable acts. But one can also imagine that the words "fiduciary duty" would not trip easily from Trump's tongue. Instead, they might lodge in this throat and emerge only with the violent assist of a Heimlich maneuver.

"Mr. Trump owed fiduciary duties to the Foundation," state Judge Saliam Scarpulla wrote in the ruling. "Mr. Trump breached his fiduciary duty to the Foundation."

I'd say. Otherwise, the Trump Foundation was something of a ruse. The board had never met in 19 years, from 1999 to 2018, when it agreed to shut down. Trump, though he gave \$5.5 million over the foundation's life, didn't surrender a penny between 2009 and 2015.

It probably goes without saying that the president engaged in his usual gaslighting by trying to make others question their own reality — and initially had cast the suit as a partisan sham. How could there be any

wrongdoing when the doer was Donald J. Trump himself? As if to say, Hey, my name's on the Foundation. Obviously, the money's mine.

Then again, Trump has always been accustomed to doing things his way. Why would he think the rules of ordinary people should apply to him? Besides, weren't these innocent errors of judgment rather than intentional abuses? I'm sure that Trump only wanted the painting to serve some higher purpose. As then-adviser Boris Epshteyn told MSNBC, the Doral was doing the foundation a favor by storing the art. (Cue laughing hyenas, volume up.)

In a rare concession of accountability, Trump admitted to the court that he misappropriated funds and has agreed to extreme oversight in any future charitable works. His three eldest children, who were originally named in the lawsuit, were let off in exchange for taking an "in-person interdictory" course on how to be better board members. (Hyenas, yes, but not!)

And, finally, the foundation would do what it was intended to do. Trump already has paid back \$338,000 to the foundation for various improper expenditures. In total, the foundation will disburse \$3.8 million to eight charities.

In a twist of ironic justice, the man with the alleged Midas touch dropped \$12,000 on Tebow's helmet and jersey on the very night that the Broncos were massacred by the New England Patriots in the NFL playoffs. The quarterback was soon traded and played only one more season. Had Trump only waited until this past week, he could've found a signed Tebow helmet on eBay — for a mere \$180.

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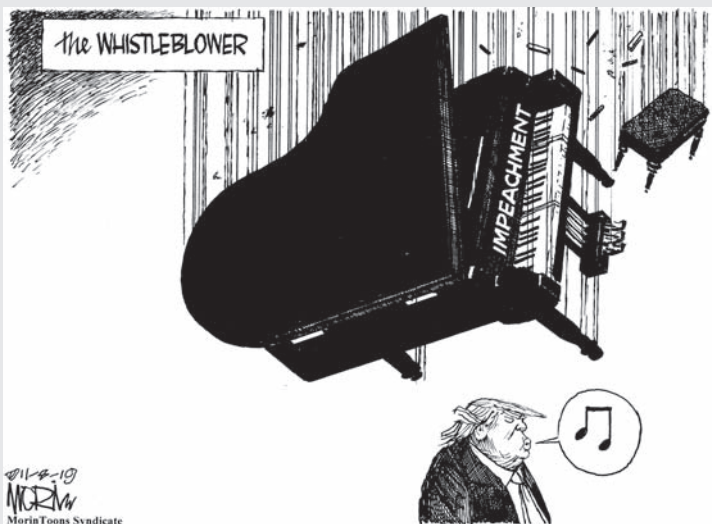
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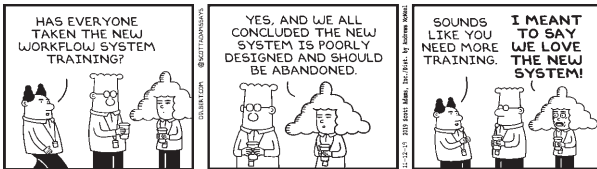


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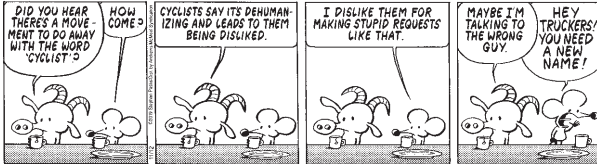
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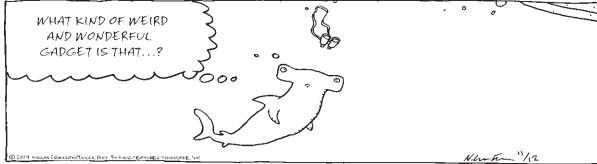
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- Endure
- Uses a shovel
- Pallid
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- Restaurant red or white, e.g.
- Museum-funding org.
- Swindles
- Kick out
- Conestoga, for one
- Dross
- Vogue rival
- Loyal
- Fluffy scarf
- Bread maker
- Altar constellation
- Greyhound's home?
- 35 Tag sale words
- Beholds
- "Siddhartha" author
- Baby deer
- From the U.S.
- 42 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 43 Storage facility
- 48 — Lancelot
- 49 War god
- 50 Ink smudge
- 51 Menlo Park monogram

- Present day?
- Diminutive suffix

DOWN

- "Humbug!"
- "Evil Woman" gp.
- Tempe sch.
- Gangster's gun
- First light
- Nile bird
- Martini liquor
- Pittsburgh footballer
- Vessel for merlot
- With (Fr.)
- Spruced up
- A billion years
- Poke
- "Dragnet" star Jack
- Matty of baseball
- Goblets and such
- 24 Fat
- Lights-out tune
- "Top Hat" studio
- "Topaz" author
- 29 Lighten
- 31 Hive product
- 34 Lion's home
- 35 Bacteriologist's study
- 37 Devilish laugh
- 38 Suffix with song or gab
- 39 Athletic shoe brand
- 40 Vicinity
- 41 Disorder
- 44 Branch
- 45 Last (Abbr.)
- 46 Drunkard
- 47 Montreal summer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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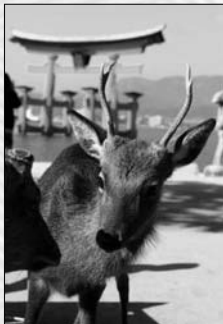
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3. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 312, 44
4. (5) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 312, 42
5. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 312, 38
6. (7) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 312, 36
7. (9) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 312, 30
8. (13) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 312, 29
9. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 312, 25
10. (12) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 312, 34
11. (6) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 312, 28
12. (8) Paul Menard, Ford, 312, 25
13. (10) D. B. Edwards, Toyota, 312, 24
14. (22) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 312, 23
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18. (20) Ryan Newman, Ford, 311, 19
19. (24) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 311, 18
20. (29) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 311, 17
21. (27) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 311, 15
22. (11) Ari Armbrister, Ford, 310, 15
23. (14) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 310, 14
24. (28) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 309, 13
25. (23) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 308, 12
26. (25) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 307, 11
27. (26) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 307, 10
28. (32) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 307, 9
29. (39) J. Velez, Chevrolet, 306, 0
30. (21) Michael McDowell, Ford, 306, 0
31. (35) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 304, 0
32. (34) Bayley Curry, Ford, 304, 0
33. (33) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 303, 0
34. (36) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 296, 0
35. (31) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 294, 2
36. (30) David Ragan, Ford, suspension, 26, 1
37. (37) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, brakes, 22, 0
38. (38) Joey Gaston, Toyota, engine, 17, 0
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Margin of Victory: 0.377 seconds.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 111.41 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 48 minutes, 0 seconds.

Lead Changes: 8 among 5 drivers.

Lead Leaders: Kyle Busch 0-69; Brad Keselowski 70-72; D. Hamilton 73-82; J. Logano 83-153; D. Hamilton 154; J. Logano 155-176; D. Hamilton 177-246; K. Busch 247-250; D. Hamilton 251-312.

Leaders Sunday (Drivers, Times, Laps Led): D. Hamilton, 4 times for 143 laps; J. Logano, 2 times for 93 laps; K. Busch, 1 time for 69 laps; K. Busch, 1 time for 4 laps; Brad Keselowski, 1 time for 1 lap.

Wins: M. Truex, 7; D. Hamilton, 6; K. Harvick, 4; K. Busch, 4; B. Keselowski, 4; J. Logano, 4; K. Busch, 3; R. Blaney, 1; A. Bowman, 1; K. Busch, 1; E. Jones, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. M. Truex, 5000; 2. D. Hamilton, 5000; 3. K. Harvick, 4900; 4. K. Busch, 5000; 5. J. Logano, 2240; 6. B. Keselowski, 2240; 7. R. Blaney, 2037; 8. B. Keselowski, 2299; 9. W. Byron, 2240; 10. C. Bowyer, 2254; 11. C. Elliott, 2253; 12. A. Bowman, 2251.

NASCAR Driver Field Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top Finishes, Average Speed, Pole Position, Win on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green Flag, Average Speed Under Yellow Flag, Lead Lap Finish, 15; K. Busch, 2221; 14. A. Armbrister, 2219; 15. R. Newman, 2189; 16. E. Jones, 2157.

College football

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place teams in parentheses, remained the same in the 25th annual poll through Nov. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (54)	9-0	1,542	1
2. Alabama (53)	9-0	1,542	1
3. Clemson (3)	10-0	1,441	4
4. Alabama	8-1	1,312	2
5. Georgia	12-0	1,267	3
6. Oregon	8-1	1,224	7
7. Michigan	8-1	1,224	7
8. Utah	8-1	1,099	8
9. Penn St.	8-0	1,063	13
10. Oklahoma	8-1	1,000	9
11. Florida	8-2	934	10
12. Baylor	9-0	932	11
13. Auburn	7-2	871	12
14. Michigan	7-2	868	14
15. Wisconsin	7-2	657	16
16. Notre Dame	7-2	593	15
17. Cincinnati	8-1	567	17
18. Memphis	8-1	510	19
19. Boise St.	8-1	471	21
20. SMU	9-1	346	23
21. Texas	6-3	199	25
22. Iowa	6-3	197	18
23. Indiana	7-2	156	6
24. Oklahoma St.	6-3	77	-

Others receiving votes: Appalachian St., 73; Kansas St., 67; Texas A&M, 42; Wake Forest, 42; Louisville, 41; San Diego St., 7; Iowa St., 4; Virginia Tech, 4; Washington St., 3; Pittsburgh, 2; UCF, 2; Air Force, 1; North Dakota St., 1; Southern Cal., 1; Illinois, 1.

Coaches Top 25

The Armyway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (55)	9-0	1,591	4
2. Ohio State (5)	9-0	1,523	4
3. Clemson (4)	10-0	1,491	3
4. Alabama	8-1	1,356	6
5. Georgia	8-1	1,327	6
6. Michigan	8-1	1,128	8
7. Oklahoma	8-1	1,096	9
8. Baylor	9-0	1,028	10
9. Washington	8-1	937	11
10. Florida	8-2	937	11
11. Michigan	7-2	731	14
12. Wisconsin	7-2	670	16
13. Cincinnati	8-1	590	17
14. Memphis	8-1	510	19
15. Boise State	8-1	452	21
16. Iowa	7-1	249	25
17. Navy	6-3	187	18
18. Texas	6-3	183	23
19. Appalachian State	8-1	133	-

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College basketball

Top 25 Fared

1. Michigan State (0-1) lost to No. 2 Kentucky 69-62; beat Birmingham 100-47.
2. Kentucky (2-0) beat No. 1 Michigan 74-69; beat Birmingham 100-47.
3. Kansas (1-1) lost to No. 4 Duke 68-66; beat UNC Greensboro 74-62.
4. Duke (2-0) beat No. 3 Kansas 68-66; beat UNC Greensboro 74-62.
5. Louisville (2-0) beat Miami 87-74; beat UNC Greensboro 74-62.
6. Florida (1-1) beat North Florida 74-59; lost to Kentucky 74-69.
7. Maryland (2-0) beat Holy Cross 95-71; beat Rhode Island 73-55.
8. Gonzaga (2-0) beat Oregon St. 95-64; beat Arkansas-Pine Bluff 110-60.
9. North Carolina (2-0) beat North Carolina 76-69; beat UNC Wilmington 76-62.
10. Villanova (1-0) beat Army 97-54.
11. Virginia (2-0) beat Syracuse 48-34; beat James Madison 65-34.
12. Seton Hall (2-0) beat Wagner 105-71; beat Stony Brook 74-57.
13. Texas Tech (2-0) beat Eastern Illinois 86-60; beat Bethune-Cookman 79-44.
14. Memphis (2-0) beat S.C. State 77-64; beat UNC 92-46.
15. Oregon (2-0) beat Fresno State 71-57; beat Boise State 106-75.
16. Baylor (1-1) beat Central Arkansas 105-61; lost to Washington 67-64.
17. Utah State (2-0) beat Montana State 81-73; beat Weber State 89-34.
18. Ohio State (2-0) beat Cincinnati 64-56; beat UMass Lowell 76-56.
19. Xavier (2-0) beat Jacksonville 76-57; beat Siena 81-63.
20. Saint Mary's (1-0) beat Wisconsin 65-62.
21. Arizona (2-0) beat Northern Arizona 81-73; beat Illinois State 80-68.
22. LSU (1-0) beat Bowling Green 88-79.
23. Purdue (1-1) beat Bowling Green 79-57; lost to Texas 70-66.
24. Auburn (2-0) beat Georgia Southern 83-74; beat Davidson 76-66.
25. VCU (2-0) beat St. Francis (Pa.) 72-58; beat North Texas 59-56.

Sunday's men's scores

- EAST**
Bryant 82, Cornell 81
Iowa 86, Abilene Christian 83, OT
Harvard 67, Maine 46
Navy 87, Washington College (MD) 56
Butler 68, Milwaukee 58
Toledo 96, Marshall 70
Vermont 66, Bucknell 63
- SOUTH**
Boston College 74, South Florida 60
Clemson 81, Colgate 68
Florida 83, Florida St. 74
Iowa St. 69, Md.-Eastern Shore 55
Louisville 78, Youngstown St. 55
Purdue 84, Detroit 65
North Alabama 95, Carver 64
St. Dominic 82, Saint Joseph's 69
South Carolina 66, Wyoming 32
Virginia 65, James Madison 34
West Forest 65, Columbia 63
- MIDWEST**
Cent. Michigan 134, MVU 78
Illinois 75, UALR 70
Michigan St. 100, Birmingham 47

Golf

Charles Schwab Cup

- Sunday**
At Phoenix Country Club
Phoenix
Purse: \$2.5 million
Yardage: 6,763; Par 71
- x-won on third playoff hole**
M. J. Magrath, \$440,000 63-69-66-263 -21
Retief Goosen, \$250,000 65-67-66-263 -21
Stacy Lewis, \$210,000 67-69-66-263 -21
Joe Durant, \$131,813 69-66-66-268 -16
M. A. B. Magrath, \$131,813 67-69-66-268 -16
B. Langer, \$131,813 64-68-67-268 -16
Marco Batta, \$131,813 67-69-66-268 -16
K. Sutherland, \$120,000 67-66-66-269 -15
Justin Gaydon, \$120,000 69-67-66-270 -15
Jerry Kelly, \$63,750 67-64-66-270 -15
Paul Casey, \$63,750 69-67-66-270 -15
Brandi Jobe, \$57,500 67-66-67-272 -11
Billy Andrade, \$57,500 67-66-67-272 -11
Steve Flesch, \$52,500 67-66-67-272 -11
Wee Short, Jr., \$52,500 68-67-68-270 -11
Doug Barron, \$46,250 67-66-67-272 -11
M. J. Magrath, \$68,750 67-67-274 -10

Deals

Sunday's transactions

- National League**
San Francisco Giants - Named Scott Harris general manager.
- BASKETBALL**
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT - Suspended G Dion Waiters 10 games for conduct detrimental to the league.
- HOCKEY**
National Hockey League
ANHEIM DUCKS - Recalled D Josh Manson from AHL to NHL.
- NEW YORK RANGERS** - Reassigned F Jack Johnson from AHL to Hartford (AHL).
- COLLEGE**
Arkansas - Football coach Chad Morris. Promoted Barry Lunnery Jr. to interim head coach.

- Missouri St. 95, Alabama St. 50
Oakland 61, S. Illinois 52
Ohio St. 76, Mass. 50
SE Missouri 79, Purdue Fort Wayne 78
Delaware 91, UTSA 79
Rice 65, Wayland Baptist 40
ARIZONA
Arizona 90, Illinois 69
North Dakota 87, Winthrop 74
Montana 64, Montana State Northern 59

- Pacific 76, Florida A&M 54
Portland 72, San Jose St. 57
Sacramento 87, Washington St. 50
UCLA 77, UC Santa Barbara 61

Sunday's women's scores

- EAST**
Akron 63, St. Bonaventure 54
Ohio St. 106, St. Francis Brook-lyn 69
Colgate 73, Mass.-Lowell 51
Columbia 70, Fordham 51
Duquesne 76, Manhattan 65
Princeton 75, George Washington 50
Rhode Island 68, Hartford 56
Rider 78, Penn St. 70
Sacred Heart 71, Hofstra 44
South Carolina 63, Maryland 54
UConn 72, California 61
West Virginia 56, Presbyterian 40
- SOUTH**
Coll. of Charleston 75, High Point 70
Florida 70, Longwood 54
Georgia Tech 69, North Carolina 63
Georgia Tech 68, Grambling 52
Kentucky 67, Middle Tennessee 52
Miami 83, Jackson 68
Mississippi 66, Louisiana-Monroe 42
North Carolina 63, Virginia 60
UNC-Greensboro 67, Wake Forest 65
Virginia Tech 77, Wake Forest 58

- MIDWEST**
Drake 86, Tech 77, Mason 58
Indiana 111, Nichols 47
Indiana St. 59, E. Illinois 57
Kentucky 81, Ill. Chicago 58
Marquette 58, Illinois St. 41
Michigan 77, N. Dakota St. 68
Minnesota 90, Vermont 58
N. Illinois 74, N. Dakota St. 68
Nebraska 90, Missouri 85
Northwestern 67, Loyola (Md.) 46
Ohio St. 81, E. Illinois 57
Ohio St. 89, Valparaiso 38
Purdue 68, Milwaukee 58
SE Missouri 83, Evansville 60
Saint Louis 60, Cincinnati 50
Wisconsin 78, Wayne 53

- SOUTHWEST**
Oklahoma 80, South Florida 60
San Houston St. 77, Louisiana-Lafayette 66
UCU 59, Cornell 49
Texas A&M 79, Duke 58
FAIR PLAY
Arizona 83, Army 51
California St. 77, UTT 59
Colorado St. 56, Western Colorado University 47
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NHL/MLS



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Devils goalie MacKenzie Blackwood makes a glove-save as the Canucks' Jay Beagle watches during the second period on Sunday.

NHL roundup

Devils beat Canucks early, hold off Canucks

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Mackenzie Blackwood had some more fun at the Vancouver Canucks' expense.

Blackwood made 30 saves, Wayne Simmonds and Jesper Bratt scored 22 seconds apart in the first period and the New Jersey Devils beat the Canucks 2-1 on Sunday.

"It seems like he is standing on his head every time he plays us," Vancouver captain Bo Horvat said. "I don't know if we're his favorite team to play against, but you have to give him credit. He made some great saves out there."

Blackwood is 4-0 against Vancouver with a 972 save percentage.

"I'm not really sure what it is, but I'll take it," Blackwood said. "I'm not going to over-think it too much. 'I just play like any other game and it just so happens that we've been pretty successful against this team.' I'm just going to play them the same way every time and just hopefully get the results that we want every time."

Coach John Hynes praised Blackwood.

"He gave us saves when we needed them and that's what you need," said Hynes. "He looks good. He's finding ways to win games and that's exactly what you need from a goaltender."

Brook Boeser had a power-play goal for Vancouver. The Canucks are 0-3-1 in their past four games.

Red Wings 3, Golden Knights 2: Anthony Mantha scored with 30.9 seconds left to give host Detroit the comeback victory over Vegas. Mantha broke in alone off the right wing after taking a pass off the boards from Robby Fabbri, then beat goalie Malcolm Subban with a wrist shot from the right circle. Mantha has 11 goals this season.

Panthers 6, Rangers 5 (SO): Vincent Trocheck scored the

shootout winner for visiting Florida against New York.

Frank Vatrano scored in regulation and converted in the shootout for the Panthers.

Kaapo Kakko scored the lone shootout goal and had a power-play goal for New York.

Jets 3, Stars 2 (OT): Mark Scheifele scored 21 seconds into overtime to lift host Winnipeg past Dallas.

Scheifele went in on a 2-on-1 with Kyle Connor, kept the puck and beat Anton Khudobin with a low shot for his seventh goal.

Blackhawks 5, Maple Leafs 4: Patrick Kane had two goals and an assist, Frank Lehner made 33 saves and host Chicago struck early and then held off Toronto.

William Nylander scored twice for the Maple Leafs, and John Tavares and Andreas Johansson added power-play goals in the third with 26 shots in the final period. Auston Matthews had four assists for Toronto, which was 3-0-2 in its last five and lost in regulation for the first time in two weeks.

Flyers 3, Bruins 2 (SO): Joel Farabee scored in the shootout to lead visiting Philadelphia to its fourth straight win.

Travis Konecny had a goal and an assist, and Philippe Myers also scored in regulation for the Flyers.

Danton Heinen and Brad Marchand each had a goal and assist. Boston won 27 shots for the Bruins, who lost their third straight (0-2-1) after six-game win streak.

Oilers 6, Ducks 2: Connor McDavid had a hat trick and became the eighth NHL player to record 400 points before his 23rd birthday as visiting Edmonton beat Anaheim.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins also scored twice for the Oilers, who have won four of their last six. Zack Kassian had a goal and two assists and Leon Draisaitl added three assists to move into the NHL scoring lead with 33 points (14 goals, 19 assists).

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference									
Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	OTL	PTS	OTL
Boston	17	11	3	2	59	43	1	22	62
Toronto	19	9	6	4	22	42	1	22	62
Montreal	17	9	2	2	21	61	5	21	54
Florida	17	8	4	5	21	62	63	52	52
Buffalo	17	8	4	5	21	62	63	52	52
Tampa Bay	15	8	5	2	18	52	53	53	53
Ottawa	16	6	9	1	13	45	51	51	51
Detroit	19	6	9	1	13	45	51	51	51
Metropolitan Division									
Washington	19	10	7	3	24	74	55	24	74
N.Y. Islanders	16	12	3	1	25	49	35	25	49
Philadelphia	17	10	5	2	22	58	44	22	58
Pittsburgh	17	10	6	1	21	58	44	21	58
Carolina	17	9	7	1	19	53	50	19	53
N.Y. Rangers	15	15	0	0	30	50	28	30	50
Columbus	17	6	8	3	15	40	58	15	40
New Jersey	16	5	4	4	14	42	61	14	42

Western Conference									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	OTL	PTS	OTL
St. Louis	18	12	3	3	27	57	51	27	57
Colorado	17	10	7	3	22	62	49	22	62
Nashville	17	9	5	3	21	65	54	21	65
Winnipeg	18	10	7	2	21	51	54	21	51
Dallas	18	8	9	2	19	43	45	19	43
Chicago	17	6	4	4	16	45	43	16	45
Minnesota	17	10	4	1	13	46	40	10	46
Pacific Division									
Edmonton	19	10	7	3	26	58	48	26	58
Calgary	20	10	7	3	23	59	58	23	59
Vancouver	18	9	6	3	21	58	47	21	58
Vegas	19	10	7	2	21	58	47	21	58
Arizona	17	9	6	2	20	49	41	20	49
San Jose	18	8	9	2	19	43	45	19	43
San Jose	18	7	10	1	15	48	64	15	48
Los Angeles	17	11	1	1	23	43	46	23	43

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Saturday's games									
N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 1									
Tampa Bay 5, Buffalo 0									
Montreal 3, Los Angeles 2									
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 2, SO									
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 2, SO									
Minnesota 4, Arizona 3									
Washington 5, Vegas 2									
St. Louis 3, Calgary 2, OT									
San Jose 3, Nashville 2, OT									

Sunday's games									
New Jersey 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, SO									
Florida 2, Dallas 2, OT									
New York 2, Vancouver 1									
Detroit 3, Toronto 4									
Philadelphia 3, Boston 2, SO									
Edmonton 6, Anaheim 2									

Monday's games									
Ottawa at Washington									
Arizona at Washington									
Dallas at Boston									
Calgary at Montreal									
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers									
Edmonton at Vancouver									
Arizona at St. Louis									
Detroit at Anaheim									
Philadelphia at Minnesota									
Los Angeles at Los Angeles									

Wednesday's games									
Ottawa at Toronto									
Toronto vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum									
Washington vs. Philadelphia									
Chicago at Calgary									
Dallas at Chicago									

Sunday									
Panthers 6, Rangers 5 (SO)									
Florida	1	2	1	0-4					
N.Y. Rangers	1	4	0	0-5					

Florida won shootout 1-0									
First Period—N.Y. Rangers, Ondrej Panar (Stronach), 5:06; Florida, Brandon Dabrowski, 18:13; 3-1, Florida, Tony DeAngelo, 22:53.									
Second Period—N.Y. Rangers, Chyrlal Buchanan, 1:28; 3-2, Florida, Dabrowski (Barkov, Huberdeau), 4:42 (pp).									
N.Y. Rangers, Kiefer (McGill, 5:31; 3-3, N.Y. Rangers, Kiefer (Strome, DeAngelo), 7:31 (pp).									
Florida, Vatrano 5 (Dabrowski), 8:05 (pp).									
Florida, Rea, 10:05 (pp).									
Florida, Boyle 3 (Yandell, Hoffman), 7:01.									
Florida, Boyle 4 (Vatrano, G. Barkov, N. Trocheck), 8:11 (pp).									
Florida, DeAngelo (N. Kane), 8:25 (pp).									
N.Y. Rangers 5-10-14-34.									

Power-play opportunities—Florida 1 of 3; N.Y. Rangers 2 of 4									
Florida—N.Y. Rangers, 12:28-1:11 (34 shots-29 saves).									
N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 4-3 (34 shots-29 saves).									
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Red Wings 3, Golden Knights 2									
Detroit	1	0	2-3						

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL/AUTO RACING



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Michigan State's Cassius Winston passes against Binghamton on Sunday in East Lansing, Mich. Winston, playing the night after his younger brother's death, had 17 points and 11 assists in a 100-47 win.

Top 25 roundup

Emotional Winston leads Spartans

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Playing a night after the death of his brother, Cassius Winston had 17 points and 11 assists to lift No. 1 Michigan State to an emotional 100-47 victory over Binghamton in the Spartans' home opener Sunday night.

Zachary Winston, Cassius' younger brother, died after being hit by a westbound Amtrak train in Albion on Saturday night. He was a basketball player at Albion College.

Cassius Winston took his usual spot in Michigan State's starting lineup Sunday. The crowd observed a moment of silence in Zachary's honor, then Cassius assisted on Michigan State's first basket and sank his first shot, a three-pointer from near the top of the key.

The game was a rout, as expected. Michigan State (1-1) rebounded easily from its season-opening loss Tuesday to No. 2 Kentucky. Xavier Tillman scored 17 points for the Spartans, and Aaron Henry added 16.

Winston's final basket came when he shook past a defender and drove for a layup. He was taken out immediately after that, receiving a hug from coach Tom Izzo and a standing ovation from the crowd.

Sam Sessoms led Binghamton (0-2) with 12 points.

Florida State 63, No. 6 Florida 51: Devin Vassell scored 13 points, M.J. Walker added 12 and the Seminoles upset the host Gators, extending its series winning streak to six.

Florida State (1-1) avoided its



MATT STAMME/AP

Florida State's Wyatt Wilkes, left, and Malik Osborne react on the bench against Florida Sunday in Gainesville, Fla.

first 0-2 start since 2000 thanks to suffocating defense that forced the rival Gators (1-1) into 16 turnovers and a woeful shooting performance. Florida was 14-for-50 from the field, including 4-for-22 from three-point range.

The Gators, a six-point favorite at home, expected some growing pains from a team that features graduate transfer Kerry Blackshear Jr., three sophomores and five freshmen. They clearly weren't ready to match Florida State's intensity.

No. 5 Louisville 78, Youngstown State 55: Jordan Nwora scored 21 points in the Cardinals' home opener.

Louisville (2-0) made the first 11 shots to jump out to a 24-8 lead. The Cardinals then started the second half making seven of their first nine shots to put away the Penguins (1-1).

Steven Enoch added 17 points and a career-high 14 rebounds for Louisville.

Naz Bohannon led the Penguins with 14 points.

No. 11 Virginia 65, James Madison 34: Mamadi Diakite had 19 points and 13 rebounds and the host Cavaliers used a 29-6 run spanning halftime to pull away.

Virginia (2-0) led by just 22-20 until Kibei Clark's three-pointer started a 9-0 burst for Virginia. A three-pointer by Darius Banks ended that, making it 31-23 at the half.

Matt Lewis led James Madison (1-1) with 14 points.

No. 18 Ohio State 76, UMass-Lowell 55: Freshman D.J. Carton and Caleb Wesson each had 13 points for the host Buckeyes.

The Buckeyes (2-0) got contributions throughout the lineup in the tuneup against the Atlantic East squad ahead of Wednesday night's matchup with No. 10 Villanova.

Obadiah Noel led UMass-Lowell (1-2) with 15 points.

No. 21 Arizona 90, Illinois 69: Nico Mannion scored 23 points. Josh Green added 20 and the Wildcats' freshmen dominated in a victory over the visiting Illini.

Arizona (2-0) was good at both ends, shooting 56% while nabbing 14 steals.

Ayo Dosunmu led Illinois (2-1) with 15 points and Trent Frazier added 14.

Hamlin races way into championship

By JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Denny Hamlin adamantly insisted "it's not over" after a critical mistake last week put the Daytona 500 winner on the verge of elimination from NASCAR's championship race.

He remained undeterred, confident in his chances to win Sunday at ISM Raceway and save his season with a victory that would give him an automatic berth into the final four.

He called his shot and delivered.

Hamlin snagged his first spot in the championship field since 2014 with his win, a victory that eliminated NASCAR champion Joey Logano from the playoffs and gave Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota three of the slots in next week's decider at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"I try not to put too much into it," Hamlin said. "There's still work to be done. Doesn't guarantee a championship. Gives us a chance. Live to fight another day. That's all you can ask for."

Hamlin, one of the favorites to win the title, faced elimination after spinning last week at Texas but took control and had the win essentially in the bag until a caution with nine laps remaining set up a final restart.

Hamlin, who had been terrible on restarts the entire race, punched his steering wheel in anger when the yellow flag waved. His Joe Gibbs Racing team made an unusual call to take just two tires — the same strategy as contender Ryan Blaney — and the two lined up next to each other for the restart with three laps to go.

Hamlin finally got a decent restart, pulled into the lead, and Gibbs teammate Kyle Busch passed Blaney to put a buffer between the two.

Hamlin then cruised to his sixth win of the season and punched the air with his fist in his car as he crossed the finish line. He jumped into the arms of his waiting crew, which he had promised earlier Sunday to give his all in an effort to make the championship field at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"This race team worked so hard this whole year. They deserve to be there," Hamlin said of his No. 11 crew. "I put them in a bad hole last week. I told them today in the meeting, I said, 'I'm going to give everything I've got to make up for the mistake I made last week.' That's all I got."

Hamlin will race Gibbs teammates Busch and Martin Truex Jr., as well as Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing, for the championship. Gibbs, winner of 18 races this season, and Toyota have three of the slots in the final four.

Chevrolet will not be represented for the third consecutive season as Harvick races a Ford. Hamlin's win secured the manufacturer championship for Toyota.



RALPH FRESO/AP

Denny Hamlin holds up the trophy after winning Sunday's race in Avondale, Ariz. Hamlin snagged the final slot in NASCAR's championship field with his season-saving victory.

Truex won the 2018 title, Busch won in 2015 and Harvick in 2014. All three raced for the championship last season against Logano, who won the finale to snag the title away from the three drivers who dominated the season. This year the final four is equally deserving of their spots in the finale, as the champion has had to win the race at Homestead to claim the title every year since the elimination format debuted in 2014.

Hamlin has never won a championship, but had chances in 2010 and 2014 but had disappointing races — a decision not to take tires after a late caution took Hamlin from the lead to out of contention in the 2014 race.

"Denny has not won a championship, so you can imagine how hard he's going to go for it," said Gibbs.

Chase Elliott, Kyle Larson, Blaney and Logano were eliminated. Logano was seeking a chance to make it back-to-back titles but had a mechanical problem early in the final stage that dropped him deep into the field.

"No clue. An air pressure adjustment made it go from a winning car to not able to stay on the lead lap. That sounds ridiculous," said Logano. "We'll live. Everything is going to be OK. We're still fortunate to be here and grateful to do what we love."

Elliott's awful round: Elliott's championship chances ended with a crash in the final stage. He had to win to earn a berth at Homestead after a disastrous third round of the playoffs.

NASCAR's most popular driver had a mechanical problem at Martinsville, crashed last week at Texas and crashed Sunday when he appeared to have a tire issue that caused him to spin.

"Just a continuation of our first two weeks," Elliott said. "I feel like we were in a good position to run solid. Not sure why we had a tire go down, I think that's what happened. These last three weeks have been rough."

Dolphins quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick breaks the tackle of Colts cornerback Kenny Moore to score a touchdown during the first half in Indianapolis on Sunday.

	W	E	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	1	0	0	.889	270	150
Buffalo	6	2	0	0	.750	212	161
Miami	2	7	0	0	.222	118	268
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	0	.222	130	238
South							
Houston	6	5	0	0	.566	238	191
Indianapolis	5	4	0	0	.556	194	193
Tennessee	4	5	0	0	.500	203	197
Jacksonville	4	5	0	0	.444	176	189
North							
Baltimore	7	2	0	0	.778	300	189
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	0	.556	193	181
Cleveland	3	3	0	0	.500	177	175
Cincinnati	0	9	0	0	.000	137	259
West							
Kansas City	6	4	0	0	.600	284	239
Oakland	5	5	0	0	.500	208	240
L.A. Chargers	4	6	0	0	.400	207	294
Denver	3	6	0	0	.333	149	170

National Conference						
	W	E	S	P	PF	PA
Dallas	5	4	0	0	556	251
Philadelphia	4	0	0	0	556	224
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	0	503	289
Washington	1	8	0	1	108	219
South						
New Orleans	5	0	0	0	778	204
Carolina	7	5	4	0	556	282
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	0	333	260
Atlanta	2	7	0	0	282	191
North						
Green Bay	8	2	0	0	800	250
Indianapolis	4	0	0	0	700	250
Chicago	4	5	0	0	444	162
Detroit	3	5	1	0	389	217
AFC						
San Francisco	8	0	0	0	1,000	233
Seattle	7	2	0	0	778	248
San Diego	6	1	0	0	556	266
Arizona	3	6	1	0	350	221

Oakland 24, Cincinnati 23
 Baltimore 49, Sunday's game
 Detroit 27, Philadelphia 27
 Atlanta 26, New Orleans 9
 Kansas City 35, Kansas City 32
 N.Y. Jets 34, N.Y. Giants
 Cleveland 19, Buffalo 16
 Pittsburgh 27, Arizona 27
 Miami 16, Indianapolis 12
 Pittsburgh 17, Los Angeles 20
 Bay 24, Carolina 16
 Pittsburgh 17, L.A. Raiders 12
 Minnesota 28, Dallas 24
 Pittsburgh 27, Jacksonville 17
 New England, Denver, Philadelphia, Houston

Monday's game
 Seattle can't play

Thursday, Nov. 14
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland
Sunday, Nov. 17
 Dallas at Detroit
 N.Y. Jets at Washington
 New Orleans at Tampa Bay
 Minnesota at Minnesota
 Houston at Baltimore
 Buffalo at Miami
 Jacksonville at Indianapolis
 Atlanta at Carolina
 Pittsburgh at San Francisco
 New England at Philadelphia
 Cincinnati at Oakland
 Dallas at L.A. Rams
 Green Bay at L.A. Rams
 Ope n N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tennessee

Monday, Nov. 18
 Kansas City vs L.A. Chargers at Mexico City

patrick scored on an 11-yard run in the first half and the Miami defense made a late stop to preserve a victory over Indianapolis.

The Dolphins (2-7) have won two straight after a miserable start and earned their first win at Lucas Oil Stadium since 2013.

With starting quarterback Jacoby Brissett out because of an injured left knee, the Colts' offense sputtered. Indy gained just 300 total yards and Brian Hoyer was picked off three times, with Miami scoring 13 points off those turnovers.

Yet, the Colts had four chances to take the lead in the final minute from the Miami 16. Hoyer threw incompletions on the first three plays and hooked up with Eric Ebron for eight yards on fourth-and-10, sealing the decision.

Miami	3	0	0	6-12
Indianapolis	0	7	0	6-12
Mia—FG Sanders 47, 64.4.				
Ind—Vince Carter 23, 28.3.				
Mia—Fitzpatrick 41, 61.4.				
Ind—C. J. Miles 2, 15.2.				
Third Quarter				
Ind—FG Finatieri 25, 75.0.				
Ind—Vince Carter 23, 28.3.				
Fourth Quarter				
Ind—FG Vince 1 pass from Hoyer				
Ind—Vince Carter 23, 28.3.				
Mia—FG Sanders 48, 54.5.				
Ind—C. J. Miles 2, 15.2.				
Mia	Ind			
First downs	13	19		
Total Yards	229	209		
Rushes-yards	26-70	23-19		
Passes-yards	11-10	11-19		
Punt Returns	2-16	3-38		
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0		
Interceptions	3-32	1-1		
FG—Vince Ret.	0-0	0-0		
Comp—Att	21-33	18-33		
Yards—Lost	5-54	4-49.0		
Fumbles—Lost	1-1	1-0		
Turnovers	4-10	3-25		
Time of Possession	31:28	28:32		
RUSHING—Mia , Ballage 20-43, Fitzpatrick 4-23, Laird 2-4. Indianapolis , Ballage 18-41, Williams 10-34, Fitzpatrick 2-13, Williams 21, Hoyer 2-0.				
PASSING—Mia , Fitzpatrick 23-33-1, 216. Indianapolis , Hoyer 18-39-30, 244.				
RECEIVING—Mia , D. Parker 5-69, Ballage 4-23, Williams 3-24, Williams 2-15, Laird 2-15, Walford 1-59.				
Indianapolis , Williams 10-34, Williams 2-15, Hines 4-30, Williams 2-15, Williams 2-15, Hines 4-30, Doyle 3-44, Rogers 2-31.				
Pascal 2-26, Johnson 1-9, Mack 1-9.				

Chicago (4-5) quieted the boos by getting its struggling offense going late in the first half, scored two touchdowns early in the third quarter and hung on to win for the first time since beating Minnesota in Week 4. Detroit (3-5-1) lost for the fifth time in six games.

Detroit	3	3	0	7-13
Chicago	0	7	13	0-20

First Quarter
 Det—FG Prater 22, 8:42.

Second Quarter
 Det—FG Prater 54, 4:40.
 Chi—Braunecker 18 pass from Trubisky (Pineiro kick), :25.

Third Quarter
 Chi—Cohen 9 pass from Trubisky (kick failed), 12:25.
 Chi—Gabriel 24 pass from Trubisky (Pineiro kick), 9:38.

Fourth Quarter
 Det—Golladay 47 pass from Driskel (Prater kick), 5:53.

	Det	Chi
First downs	21	13
Total Net Yards	387	226
Rushes-yards	27-98	24-81
Passing	259	145
Interceptions	2-9	2-7
Kickoff Returns	3-66	4-101
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-4
Comp-Att-Sel	27-46-1	16-23-0
Yards Per Attempt	6.6	6.3
Punts	6-40.5	9-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Time of Possession	8:45	7:57
Time of Possession	31:54	28:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Detroit: 10-36, McKissic 6-37, McKissic 10-36, Johnson 5-16, Perkins 7-9. **Chicago**: Montgomery 17-60, Cohen 3-14, Trubisky 3-8, Gabriel 1 (minus 1).

PASSING—Detroit: 27-46-1, McKissic 16-23-0, Johnson 16-23-0, Trubisky 16-23-0. **Chicago**: Trubisky 16-23-0-173.

RECEIVING—Detroit: McKissic 6-37, McKissic 6-37, Johnson 5-16, Perkins 7-9, Cohen 4-20, Golladay 3-57, Hockenson 3-47, Thomas 2-19, Johnson 1-9, Driskel 1-6, Bowden 1-3, Perkins 1-3, McKissic 1-3. **Chicago**: Trubisky 16-23-0-173, McKissic 6-37, Johnson 5-16, Perkins 7-9, Cohen 4-20, Golladay 3-57, Hockenson 3-47, Thomas 2-19, Johnson 1-9, Driskel 1-6, Bowden 1-3, Perkins 1-3, McKissic 1-3.

CHIEF COACHES—Detroit: Jim Harbaugh 1-0, Chicago: Matt Nagy 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky runs with the ball in the second half in Chicago on Sunday.

Daniel Jones threw a career-high four touchdown passes, two each to Darius Slayton and Golden Tate, but couldn't prevent the Giants (2-8) from losing their sixth straight game. It's their first six-game skid since 2014.

Saquon Barkley had the worst game of his young career, finishing with just 1 yard on 13 carries.

N.Y. Giants	0	13	14	0-27
N.Y. Jets	14	0	10	10-34

First Quarter

NYJ—Darnold 2 run (Ficken kick), 7:21.
 NYJ—Crowder 23 pass from Darnold (Ficken kick), 5:35.

Second Quarter

NYG—Slayton 5 pass from Jones (Rosas kick), 12:26.
 NYG—Slayton 39 pass from Jones (pass failed), 5:24.

Third Quarter

NYJ—Ja. Adams 25 fumble return (Ficken kick), 14:13.
 NYG—Tate 61 pass from Jones (kick failed), 11:51.
 NYG—Tate 15 pass from Jones (Fowler pass from Jones), 5:21.

Fourth Quarter

NYJ—Ficken 42

Fourth Quarter		
NVY—Bell 1 run (Ficken kick), 14:52.		
NVY—FG Ficken 35-7, N.J.		
	NYG	NYJ
First downs	15	18
Total Net Yards	171	294
Rush yards	28	29
Passing	258	216
Punt Returns	1-8	3-28
Fumbles-Yards	2-39	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Camp-Apt Int.	26-40	19-30
Fumbles-Yards Lost	6-62	7-54
Punts	6-53.5	5-45.6
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	0-0
Time of Possession	29:22	30:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING—N.Y. Giants, Jones 3-20, Galloway 2-14, Barkley 1-13, Darnold 1-18, 34.	
PASSING—N.Y. Giants, Jones 26-40-0, Darnold 3-25, Powell 7-15, Wesco 1-2.	
RECEIVING—N.Y. Giants, Clayton 10-121, Bayne 5-30, Tate 4-95, Ellison 3-42, Galloway 3-39, Gallimore 2-20.	
N.J. Jets, Thomas 6-84, Crowsder 5-81, Hernandez 4-34, Wesley 1-15, R Anderson 1-11, Herndon 1-1.	

MISSED FIELD GOALS—N.Y. Giants: en 54.

Arizona 3 10 7 7-27

Ari—FG Gonzalez 37, 11:57.
 TB—R.Jones 7 run (Gay kick), 3:42.
Second Quarter
 Ari—FG Gonzalez 54, 14:14.
 TB—FG Gay 30, 8:53.
 Ari—Kirk 33 pass from K.Murray (Gonzalez kick), 1:03.
 TB—Howard 10 pass from Winston (Gay kick), :08.

Third Quarter		
TS - FG Gay	45	35.7
Ar - Kirk 69 pass	45	35.7
Gonzalez kick	8:10	
Fourth Quarter		
TS - FG Gay	9:44	
Ar - Kirk 15 pass	from K.Murray (Gonzalez kick)	7:22
TS - Barber 1 run (Gay kick)	1:43	
First downs	Ar	20
Total Net Yards	Ar	26
Rushes-yards	41-17	26-118
Passing	18-75	33-339
Punt Returns	2-9	4-19
Kickoff Returns	2-3	1-7
Interceptions	2-2	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	28-45-1	30-48-2
Blocked-Yards Lost	2-8	3-4-19
Punts	3-52.7	3-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-3-1	2-1
Time of Possession	11:87	9:04
	23:57	26:03

Drake 10-35, D.Johnson 5-2. **Tampa Bay**, Barber 11-43, Winston 3-40, Jones 11-29, Logan 1-6.

PASSING—*Arizona*, K.Murray 27-44, 324, Le 1-1-0-26. **Tampa Bay**, Winston 30-48-2-358.

RECEIVING—*Arizona*, Fitzgerald 8-71, Kirk 6-138, Drake 6-6, Isabella 3-78, Coon 2-29, Williams 1-15. *D.Johnson* 1-8, Clay 1-5. **Tampa Bay**, Jones 8-77, Godwin 6-74, Evans 4-82, Howard 4-47, Ogunbowale 3-24, Miller 2-33, Perriman 2-17, Barber 1-4.

MISSSED FIELD GOALS—**Tampa Bay**, Gay 46.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky avoids a tackle by Lions defensive end Trey Flowers during the second half in Chicago on Sunday. Trubisky tied a season high with three touchdown passes.

NFL

Titans rally, beat Chiefs to spoil Mahomes' return

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Forcing Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs to settle for a bunch of field goals gave the Tennessee Titans a chance to stay close.

Ryan Tannehill and a corner-back only activated off injured reserve a week ago helped make the Chiefs pay for their fifth and sixth attempts.

Tannehill threw a 23-yard touchdown to Adam Humphries with 23 seconds left, and Joshua Kalu blocked a last-second field goal attempt to beat the Chiefs to spoil the return of NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes.

"It's fun to win a game like that, battle back in the fourth quarter at home and find a way to win is a ton of fun," Tannehill said.

The Titans only had a chance after a bad snap by the Chiefs on Harrison Butker's fifth field goal attempt of the day. Kansas City coach Andy Reid blamed communication for the snap, taking holder Dustin Colquitt by surprise, and he threw the ball away in desperation for an intentional grounding call, setting the Titans up at their own 39.

Tannehill scrambled for 18, hit Anthony Firkser for 20 yards and then found Humphries who ran in for the TD. Tannehill also ran for the 2-point conversion for a 35-32 lead.

The Chiefs had a final chance with Mahomes. He drove them down, setting up Butker for another field goal try from 52 yards.

Kalu blocked the kick with his left hand, and the Titans ran into the field to celebrate. Kalu wound up at the bottom of a pile, and he said he kept getting closer each time watching the Chiefs' cadence, hands and eyes. The block was a blur but not his decision to jump at the snap.

"I've seen as I hit it, it was automatic joy," said Kalu, recently activated from injured reserve.

Titans 35, Chiefs 32

Kansas City 10 10 10-32
Tennessee 7 7 15-35

First Quarter
KC—Kelce 9 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 9:13.

Second Quarter
Ten—Firkser 9 pass from Tannehill (Succop kick), 10:23.

Third Quarter
KC—Evans 53 fumble return (kick failed), 6:14.

Fourth Quarter
KC—Hill 11 pass from Mahomes (kick failed), 6:54.

First Downs
KC—Firkser 8 run (Succop kick), 5:58.
KC—Firkser 43, 1:58.

Second Downs
KC—Hardman 63 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 11:54.

Third Downs
Ten—Henry 1 run (Succop kick), 6:26.
KC—Firkser 39, 3:14.

Fourth Downs
Ten—Humphries 23 pass from Tannehill (Tannehill run), 2:21.

First Downs
KC—Firkser 23 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 11:54.

Second Downs
KC—Firkser 23 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 11:54.

Third Downs
KC—Firkser 23 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 11:54.

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MIKE ROEMER/AP

Packers running back Aaron Jones runs for one of his three touchdowns during the first half against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday in Green Bay, Wis.

Jones scores 3 TDs in Pack's win over Panthers

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Preston Smith and Green Bay's defense stopped Christian McCaffrey at the goal line as time expired and the Packers defeated the Panthers on a snowy day at Lambeau Field.

Aaron Jones scored three rushing touchdowns for the second time this season to lead Green Bay. Jones is the first Packers player since Sterling Sharpe in 1994 with multiple three-touchdown games in a season.

The Panthers got the ball with 2:25 left on their own 11-yard line, trailing by eight. Quarterback Kyle Allen drove Carolina down the field, including completing a 12-yard pass to D.J. Moore on fourth-and-10 with 56 seconds left. The Panthers also benefited from an offside penalty with 13 seconds remaining to convert another fourth down. After Allen threw an incompletion to McCaffrey, the Packers stopped him just short of the end zone as time expired. A brief replay review upheld the call.

Packers 24, Panthers 16

Carolina 7 7 10-24
Green Bay 3 3 10-16

First Quarter
Car—Samuel 2 pass from Allen (Slye kick), 7:18.

Second Quarter
GB—Jones 1 run (Crosby kick), 3:35.

Third Quarter
Car—Firkser 50, 14:25.

Fourth Quarter
GB—Allen 13 run (Crosby kick), 9:20.

First Downs
GB—Allen 13 run (Crosby kick), 9:20.

Second Downs
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Browns hold off Bills to end 4-game slide

CLEVELAND — Baker Mayfield threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Rashard Higgins with 1:44 left as Cleveland snapped a four-game losing streak — and took some pressure off first-year coach Freddie Kitchens — by beating Buffalo.

The Browns rallied for a win that kept their season from completely collapsing.

Cleveland survived more problems in the red zone, but sealed the much-needed win when Buffalo kicker Stephen Hauschka's 53-yard field-goal attempt was short with 22 seconds left.

Mayfield finally delivered a clutch drive after Allen's 1-yard sneak put the Bills ahead 16-12.

On second-and-goal, he threaded his TD pass to an open Higgins, who had been suspiciously missing from Cleveland's game plan this season after being one of Mayfield's favorite targets last season. It was Higgins' only catch.

Browns 19, Bills 16

Buffalo 10 10 10-26
Cleveland 7 7 10-19

First Quarter
Cle—Landy 17 pass from Mayfield (kick failed), 12:09.

Second Quarter
Buf—Allen 10 run (Hauschka kick), 10:09.

Third Quarter
Cle—FG Selbert 27, 3:35.

Fourth Quarter
Cle—FG Selbert 47, 3:40.

First Downs
Buf—Allen 10 run (Hauschka kick), 5:26.

Second Downs
Cle—Higgins 7 pass from Mayfield (Selbert kick), 1:44.

Third Downs
Buf—Allen 10 run (Hauschka kick), 5:26.

Fourth Downs
Cle—Higgins 7 pass from Mayfield (Selbert kick), 1:44.

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Falcons stun first-place Saints, end 6-game skid

NEW ORLEANS — Matt Ryan passed for two touchdowns and Atlanta ended its six-game slide with a victory that stopped New Orleans' six-game winning streak.

Atlanta's defense stunningly dominated New Orleans' normally stout offensive line. Coming in with an NFL low seven sacks all season, the Falcons sacked Drew Brees six times, with Grady Jarrett, Vic Beasley Jr., Adrian Clayborn and De Vondre Campbell all getting involved. Jarrett finished with a team-high 2½ sacks.

It was the second time this season the Saints were held without a touchdown at home, but the first time with Brees under center. New Orleans also failed to score a TD in a 12-10 victory over Dallas in Week 4 with Teddy Bridgewater filling in at quarterback.

Ryan, returning from an ankle injury that sidelined him in the game before the Falcons' Week 9 bye, was 20-for-35 for 182 yards.

Falcons 26, Saints 9

Atlanta 10 10 10-13-26
New Orleans 7 7 10-9-9

First Quarter
Atl—FG Koo 37, 9:27.

Second Quarter
Atl—Hopper 8 pass from Ryan (Koo kick), 11:09.

Third Quarter
Atl—FG Koo 36, 1:31.

Fourth Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 47, 3:00.

First Downs
Atl—Bail 10 pass from Ryan (Koo kick), 14:53.

Second Downs
Atl—FG Koo 40, 7:27.

Third Downs
Atl—FG Koo 30, 5:25.

Fourth Downs
Atl—FG Koo 30, 5:25.

First Downs
Atl—Bail 10 pass from Ryan (Koo kick), 14:53.

Second Downs
Atl—FG Koo 40, 7:27.

Third Downs
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First Downs
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Third Downs
Atl—FG Koo 30, 5:25.

Fourth Downs
Atl—FG Koo 30, 5:25.

First Downs
Atl—Bail 10 pass from Ryan (Koo kick), 14:53.

Second Downs
Atl—FG Koo 40, 7:27.

Jackson dazzles, Ravens rout winless Bengals

CINCINNATI — Lamar Jackson spoiled a Bengals linebacker closing in on did a 360-degree spin. Nick Vigil was so flummoxed that he fell to the ground helplessly while the Ravens quarterback continued to the end zone for another score.

In every way, Jackson had their heads spinning.

The dual-threat quarterback threw for three touchdowns in a near-perfect performance and pulled off a sensational 47-yard touchdown run as Baltimore routed the NFL's only winless team.

"I think that was the craziest thing I've witnessed on the field with somebody, running back Mark Ingram said. "He just spun and took off and let me just escort him. That's Lamar. That's special."

The Ravens (7-2) followed their eye-opening victory over the previously unbeaten Patriots by quickly pulling away from the NFL's last winless team, with Jackson leading the way.

It was quite a show right from the start.

Jackson finished 15 of 17 — a club-record completion percentage — for 223 yards and a perfect passer rating of 158.3, his second of the season.

"It was a great day for him, a great day for everybody," coach John Harbaugh said.

The signature moment came in the third quarter.

Jackson ran left, saw safety Jessie Bates III, then dived Vigil taking an angle toward him. He pulled in the 360-degree spin move and kept going for 47 yards or more, the latest addition to an already bulging video file of did-you-see-that runs.

"He surprises you," Ravens coach Harbaugh said. "They'll be watching that run for decades and decades. That's one everybody in the country's going to see by tomorrow afternoon. That was something. That's rare."

Ravens 49, Bengals 13

Baltimore 14 14 21-0-9
Cincinnati 7 7 10-13

First Quarter
Bal—Andrews 2 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 12:18.

Second Quarter
Bal—Ingram 9 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 3:54.

Third Quarter
Cin—FG Lockard 12, 13:34.

Fourth Quarter
Bal—Andrews 17 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:28.

First Downs
Bal—Andrews 17 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:28.

Second Downs
Bal—Andrews 17 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:28.

Third Downs
Bal—Andrews 17 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:28.

Fourth Downs
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GARY LANDERS/AP

Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson joined Joe Montana and Aaron Rodgers on Sunday as the only players in the Super Bowl era with at least three passing TDs, one running TD and a perfect passer rating with at least 15 completions.

Signature: QB Jackson 'electrifying'

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at least 15 completions were Joe Montana and Aaron Rodgers.

The score on which Jackson froze, ran through or sped by several Bengals defenders will be on highlight reels for quite some time.

"I said to the offensive coaches — 'They'll be watching that run for decades and decades. That's one that everybody in the country's going to see by tomorrow afternoon,'" Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "That was something. That's rare. That was special."

Here are other top topics after the 10th Sunday of the NFL regular season:

Wins for 1-7 teams: The two most popular teams in NFL win-or-die pools were the New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts. Why's that? Well, both were facing opponents that came into the day with 1-7 records. But guess what? The Saints lost to the Atlanta Falcons 26-9, while the Colts — who gave quarterback Brian Hoyer his first start in more than two years because Jacoby Brissett was injured — were beaten by the Miami Dolphins 16-12. A third 1-7 club came through, too: The New York Jets got their second victory, although this was far less surprising, because they beat the just-as-bad Giants 34-27.

Multiple QBs: Hoyer made the Colts the 16th team — out of 32 in the league — to start multiple QBs this season. The Bengals also turned to a second quarterback starter, Ryan Finley, in place of the benched Andy Dalton, while the Detroit Lions used Jeff Driskel because Matthew Stafford was injured, ending his 136-start streak that dated to the 2010 season. No surprise, really, that the Colts, Bengals and Lions all lost Sunday.

Cook, Vikings knock off Cowboys

Minnesota RB leads NFL in yards from scrimmage

By SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dalvin Cook did plenty in the running game.

The NFL rushing leader from Minnesota might have had his biggest plays in the passing game while easily outshining two-time rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott.

Cook ran for 97 yards, including the go-ahead touchdown on fourth down on the final play of the third quarter, and had 86 yards receiving that boosted three other scoring drives, leading the Vikings over the Dallas Cowboys 28-24 on Sunday night.

Cook's 183 scrimmage yards gave him the league lead in that category as well at 1,415 as the Vikings (7-3) beat a winning team on the road for the first time in almost two years. Minnesota was 0-9-1 in its previous 10 such games.

"Dalvin handled everything great," coach Mike Zimmer said. "He played outstanding. Had



MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Minnesota Vikings running back Dalvin Cook is chased by the Cowboys' Robert Quinn, left, and Arlington Vander Esch, right, during Sunday's game in Arlington, Texas.

some unbelievable runs, tough, competitive runs. I think Dalvin believes that he's really good. I believe that too."

Amari Cooper had the most critical catches on a night full of them for both teams, including a toe-tapping TD for Dallas' only lead in the third quarter.

Kirk Cousins threw for two touchdown passes, both to Kyle Rudolph, for just his second win in nine prime-time road games.

Elliott had 47 yards on 20 carries after three straight 100-yard games as the Cowboys (5-4) fell into a first-place tie with Philadelphia in the NFC East.

Vikings 28, Cowboys 24	
Minnesota	14 3 11 0-28
Dallas	0 14 7 0-24
First Quarter	
Min—Rudolph 1 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 9:25.	
Min—Rudolph 1 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 3:32.	
Second Quarter	
Dal—Gallup 23 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 8:08.	
Dal—Cobb 22 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 1:54.	
Min—FG Bailey 26, :00.	
Third Quarter	
Min—FG Bailey 27, 9:38.	
Dal—Cooper 12 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 7:01.	
Min—Cook 2 run (Rudolph pass from Cousins), :02.	
Fourth Quarter	
Dal—FG Maher 23, 10:00.	
A—91, 1:88.	
	Min Dal
First downs	27 24
Total Net Yards	364 442
Rushes-yards	36-153 22-50
Passing	211 393
Punt Returns	0-0 1-0
Kickoff Returns	1-29 0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-0 0-0
Comp-Att Int	23-32 0 28-47 1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9 1-4
Punts	4-42.5 2-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0 0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35 5-39
Time of Possession	33:27 26:33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Cook 7-86, Mattison 5-52, Cousins 1-5, Ham 1-minus 1. **Dallas,** Elliott 20-47, Austin 1-17, Pollard 1-minus 4.
PASSING—Minnesota, Cousins 23-32, 0-220, Dallas, Prescott 28-46-1-397, Cobb 0-1-0.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Cook 7-86, LSmith 5-44, Rudolph 4-14, Diggs 3-49, O.Johnson 2-25, Trendwell 1-10, Mattison 1-1. **Dallas,** Cooper 11-147, Cobb 6-106, Gallup 4-76, Jarwin 3-35, Witten 2-17, Elliott 2-16.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas, Maher 57.

Steelers 'D' leads way against Rams

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The ball fluttered into the air and hung there for a split second. When it came back down to earth, it landed where it always seems to these days for the Pittsburgh Steelers: the seemingly omnipresent arms of safety Minkah Fitzpatrick.

Pittsburgh's decision to send a 2020 first-round draft pick to Miami in mid-September in exchange for Fitzpatrick just hours after losing quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for the season in mid-September seemed gutsy at best and borderline reckless at worst. What if the Steelers struggled without their franchise cornerstone? What if the bottom fell out and the draft capital they needed to find Roethlisberger's successor belonged to the Dolphins instead?

They're not asking those questions anymore. Not with the Steelers suddenly rolling and their do-everything free safety in the middle of it all.

Fitzpatrick returned a fumble 43 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter and added a game-sealing pick in the final seconds to close out a bruising 17-12 victory over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday, spoiling Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald's homecoming in the process.

"Minkah's making all the plays," said Steelers cornerback Joe Haden, whose second interception of the season was among Pittsburgh's four takeaways. "Big plays impact plays. There's nothing else you can say."

Steelers 17, Rams 12	
L.A. Rams	7 0 3 2-12
Pittsburgh	7 0 3 0-17
First Quarter	
La—Fowler 26 fumble return (Zuerlein kick), 14:46.	
Pit—Washington 3 pass from Rudolph (Boswell kick), 3:4.	
Second Quarter	
Pit—Fitzpatrick 43 fumble return (Boswell kick), 1:44.	
Third Quarter	
La—FG Zuerlein 30-11.	
Fourth Quarter	
La—safety, 12:40.	
Pit—FG Boswell 33, 2:46.	
A—63,6:27.	
	La Pit
First downs	16 15
Total Net Yards	306 273
Rushes-yards	23-88 27-42
Passing	218 291
Punt Returns	3-21 4-21
Kickoff Returns	4-94 1-20
Interceptions Ret.	0-0 3-15
Comp-Att Int	22-42-3 22-38-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25 3-11
Punts	8-47.4 9-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-1 0-2
Penalties-Yards	10-95 13-107
Time of Possession	28:20 31:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gurley 12-73, Brown 5-10, Henderson 4-4, Bortles 1-1. **Goff 1-0.** **Pittsburgh,** Samuels 14-59, Brooks-James 6-11, McDonald 1-2, Tr.Edmunds 4-1, Rudolph 2-minus 1.
PASSING—Los Angeles, Goff 22-41-2, 243, Hecker 0-1-1-0. **Pittsburgh,** Rudolph 22-38-0-242.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Everett 8-68, Woods 7-95, Reynolds 3-49, Higbee 3-22, 1-15. **Pittsburgh,** Washington 6-90, Johnson 4-64, Smith-Schuster 3-44, McDonald 3-11, Samuels 3-11, Tr.Edmunds 2-14, Vannett 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Los Angeles, Zuerlein 56.

Fitzpatrick pounced on a Jared Goff fumble and sprinted to the end zone to give the Steelers a 14-7 lead, his second touchdown in as many games following a tide-turning pick six against Indianapolis last week. His clinching interception after Goff pass intended for Robert Woods was swatted away by Haden gave Fitzpatrick six takeaways — five picks and one fumble recoveries in seven games with the Steelers (5-4).



KEITH SRANO/CAP

Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick celebrates scoring on his interception of Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jared Goff during the first half of Sunday's game in Pittsburgh. The Steelers won 17-12.

"It's crazy to just see him back there making plays on the ball all the time," Pittsburgh linebacker Bud Dupree said. "Every game Minkah is making big plays on the back end."

The Steelers have needed nearly every one during a four-game winning streak that has helped them emerge from a 1-4 start. Pittsburgh has done it despite an offense that remains very much a work in progress. The Steelers again struggled to move the ball

against Los Angeles, managing just 273 yards while playing without starting running backs James Conner and Benny Snell Jr.

Thirteen penalties and a handful of drops didn't help. Yet Pittsburgh remains in the mix in the AFC anyway thanks to Rudolph's ability to avoid major mistakes and a defense that has regained its swagger following Fitzpatrick's arrival.

"They're playing like the '85 Bears," Rudolph said.

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Sound of success
Seattle wins championship for
2nd time in 4 years » **MLS, Page 26**

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Signature season

Ravens QB Jackson continues to pile up MVP numbers

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
Associated Press

Lamar Jackson now owns a signature moment — a spin-and-make-'em-miss 47-yard TD run that was something straight out of a video game.

And Jackson also now owns his signature stat — a perfect passer rating in two games during the same season, something only one other player in league history has accomplished.

This guy wasn't supposed to be a QB? Ludicrous, of course. He might very well be this season's NFL MVP.

The 22-year-old Jackson keeps showing off what he can do in his second season with the Baltimore Ravens, with plays designed and called by offensive coordinator Greg Roman, who did fine work a while back with a guy by the name of Colin Kaepernick. The latest showstopping

performance for Jackson came Sunday, when he led Baltimore to a 49-13 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

"Electrifying," Bengals coach Zac Taylor called it.

"It's ridiculous. It is. For sure," Ravens offensive lineman Marshal Yanda said. "I mean, he's obviously changing the game for us, in every way."

Jackson was 15-for-17 for 223 yards and three TDs through the air, making for that rating

of 158.3, matching what he did in Week 1 against Miami.

He also gained 65 yards on the ground before earning an early seat on the sideline in a blowout against the league's lone winless team, a week after leading the Ravens past the previously unbeaten New England Patriots.

Jackson joined some fairly good company: The only other players in the Super Bowl era with at least three passing TDs, one running TD and a perfect rating with

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Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson celebrates scoring against the Bengals on Sunday in Cincinnati. A little over halfway through the season, the 22-year-old Jackson has established himself as a leading candidate for league MVP.

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